

Honorable Mayor and Members  
of the City Council  
City Hall  
Torrance, California

Members of the Council:

**SUBJECT: Approval of a Water Conservation Funding Agreement with the  
Metropolitan Water District of Southern California**

**Expenditure: \$ 60,000 annually**

### **RECOMMENDATION**

The Public Works Director recommends that the City Council:

1. Approve a Water Conservation Funding Agreement with the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California; and
2. Authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute and attest said Agreement.

### **Funding**

Supplemental funding for support services to implement water conservation programs designated under the Metropolitan Water District's (MWD) Conservation Credits Program will be derived from funds currently in the Water Operating Budget. The majority of costs for MWD sponsored conservation programs will be derived from MWD rebates or incentives. However, Torrance Municipal Water (TMW) will fund necessary service and material costs for implementation of designated water conservation programs including promotion, marketing materials, supplemental incentives and related items.

### **BACKGROUND AND ANALYSIS**

In November 2003, the City Council approved a master funding agreement with MWD for implementation of various MWD sponsored water conservation programs, including an ultra-low flush toilet rebate program (ULFT). This master agreement was developed to eliminate the necessity of implementing separate agreements for every new conservation program funded by MWD. The term of the current agreement with MWD is through June 30, 2006.

The proposed new Water Conservation Agreement with MWD is similar in scope to the prior agreement, with the exception that additional conservation programs have

been incorporated into the new MWD master funding agreement. The term of the proposed agreement would be from fiscal 2006-07 through 2014-15. During this period the agreement may be amended by mutual agreement of both parties, or by addendums issued by MWD for changes involving MWD Board approved items, grant funding and changes to incentive programs including funding and incentive levels. MWD's funding is provided in the form of a conservation credit on MWD's service invoice to the City.

The purpose of MWD funding for various conservation programs is to provide financial assistance to its member agencies to develop and implement proven water conservation measures to reduce water demand in MWD's service area. As in the past, participation is entirely voluntary and there no mandated level of participation in any program.

In December 2005, the City Council approved adoption of comprehensive Urban Water Management Plan (UWMP) as required by AB 2853, which mandates that this Plan be updated every five years. The main objectives of the Urban Water Management Plan are to achieve effective management of urban water supplies to ensure that sufficient water supplies are available to meet projected future needs. A major element of this Plan is a Demand Management Measure Section, which identifies and delineates various water conservation programs that the City will continue to implement or initiate over the next five years. A number of the conservation programs identified in the City's UWMP including: the ULFT and high efficiency toilet rebate, high efficiency clothes washer rebate, the weather based irrigation controller rebate and residential survey programs are incorporated into MWD's new master conservation agreement. This new agreement with MWD will provide a major source for funding the implementation of these high priority conservation programs.

Respectfully submitted,

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CONCUR:



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Attachment: A. Funding Agreement with Metropolitan Water District

(Copy available in City Clerk's Office.)