



## STORMWATER FOR DIRECT USE PILOT PROGRAM

### Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

As of January 15, 2020

**1) When will the application be available?**

The application will be available on Tuesday, January 21, 2020 at 9:00 AM PST.

**2) How do the funding components vary between the retrofit and new construction projects?**

The funding components of each project can be found in the table below.

PROJECT TYPE	FUNDING COMPONENTS	
	Construction/Installation	Monitoring & Reporting
Retrofit	Up to \$100,000 of eligible costs (design, material, installation)	\$20,000/report
	Capped at \$160,000/project	
New Construction	1:1 match, up to \$440,000 of eligible costs (design, material, construction)	\$20,000/report
	Capped at \$500,000/project	

**3) Who can apply to the Stormwater for Direct Use Pilot Program?**

The Pilot Program is open to commercial, institutional, and industrial sites within Metropolitan’s service area. Applications must be submitted by the project’s respective Metropolitan member agency.

**4) Is a project eligible to apply for the Stormwater for Direct Use Pilot Program if it has both direct-use and recharge components?**

Yes, a project is eligible to apply as long as it meets the minimum criteria of capture and use of 1 acre-foot per year for the direct-use portion of the project. Additionally, the direct-use portion of the project must be clearly separated from any other project elements, including the costs specific to the direct-use project.

**5) What types of meters are recommended?**

Metropolitan does not require a specific brand or model for the meter(s) to be used on each project site; however, we require that the selected meter(s) be capable of collecting the following information that will be required for the annual monitoring report and database collection:

- Continuous flow monitoring for dry and wet-weather runoff
- Precipitation depth

- Runoff depth

Some examples of meters that are capable of providing this data include venturi, doppler, or ultrasonic meters.

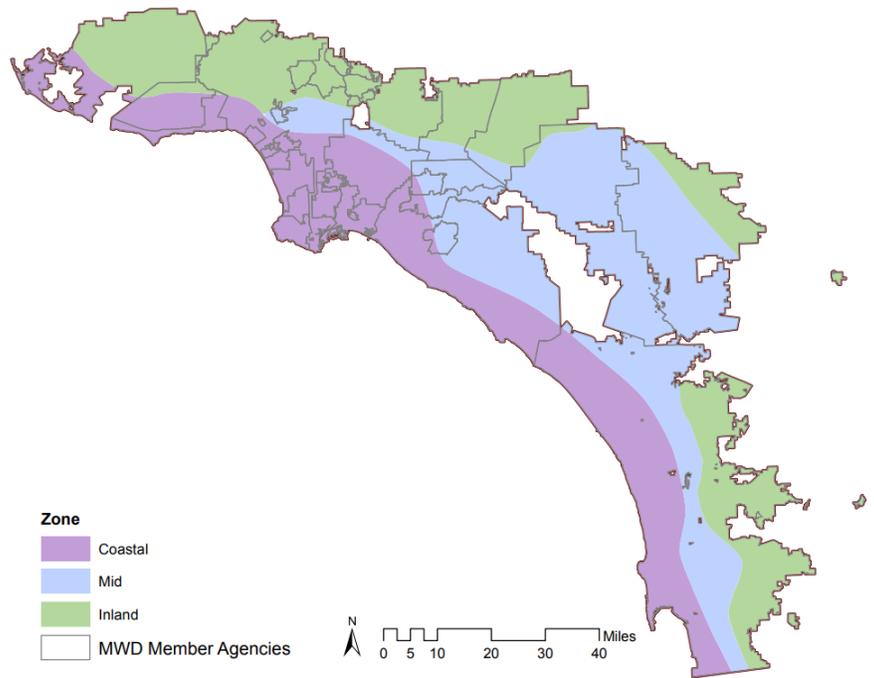
**6) How long will the application be available?**

The application will be open for two years or until the pilot program’s funding is fully committed. We encourage applicants to submit their applications as soon as possible as the application process is based on a first-come, first-served basis.

**7) What if there are more applications submitted than the desired number of projects per climate zone?**

If this situation were to arise, Metropolitan would place all additional eligible projects on a waitlist.

Zone <sup>1</sup>	Number of Desired Projects	
	Retrofit	New
Coastal	3	2
Mid	3	2
Inland	3	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>6</b>



**8) Why is Metropolitan targeting a limited number of projects per climate zone?**

The primary purpose of having targets within each climate zone is to allow Metropolitan to better understand how direct-use stormwater projects perform throughout the region.

**9) What if a dry year occurs and there is thus no storm event data to provide to Metropolitan?**

Projects must submit a minimum of three annual monitoring reports; upon mutual agreement, Metropolitan may fund additional years of reporting, if needed.

<sup>1</sup> Climate zones are adapted from Department of Water Resources California Irrigation Management Information System’s [ETo Zones Map](#).

**10) Will hard copies of the application be accepted by Metropolitan?**

No, applications must only be completed online.

**11) When is the application considered a complete submittal?**

The application is only considered completed when all fields are completed and relevant documents are uploaded and submitted.

**12) Will I receive a confirmation once the application has been submitted?**

Yes, you should expect to receive an automated email confirmation upon submission of the application.

**13) Will I be notified if the application is incomplete?**

Yes, you will be contacted if Metropolitan finds any issues with your application.

**14) When will I be notified if my application has been selected for funding?**

Metropolitan plans on notifying applicants of their eligibility into the program approximately a month following the submission of your completed application.

**15) What information will be required for the annual monitoring report and database collection?**

The annual monitoring report and database collection will require some of the following information:

- Continuous inflow and outflow meter reads
  - Dry and wet-weather flows
- Daily and monthly precipitation data
  - Project site
  - CIMIS weather station
- Amount captured
- Capture frequency
- Amount applied
- Frequency of application
- Detention time
- Type of meter
- Maintenance costs and activities
- Details on how the captured stormwater is managed, beneficially used, or discharged
- Details on weather patterns and their effects on project management and performance

**Please note:** Metropolitan has no obligation to pay the stated incentive if Metropolitan's Board determines that it will no longer provide incentives or other financial support for stormwater projects through the Stormwater for Direct Use Pilot Program.