

#### Regional Recycled Water Program

Engineering and Operations Committee Item 7-3

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November 9, 2020

#### Overview of Presentation

- Summary of White Paper #2
- Opportunity for continued discussion of White Paper #2
- Board Items 7-3 and 7-4
  - Overview of Board actions
  - Staff recommendations
- Discussion

# Summary of White Paper #2

#### Purpose of White Paper #2



What kind of institutional arrangements or agreements would be required?

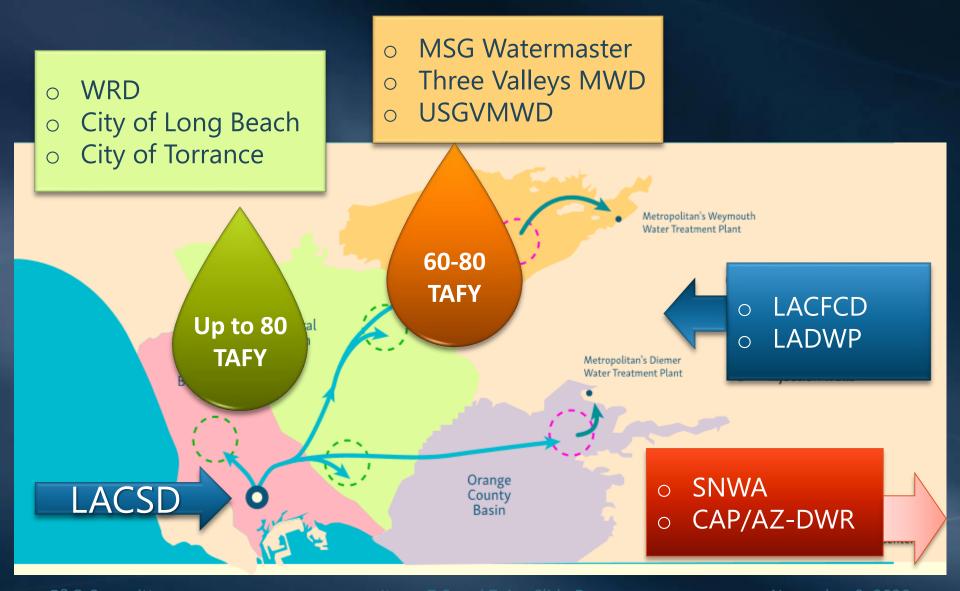


How does the RRWP fit into Metropolitan's regional resource planning?



How could the Program's costs be recovered by Metropolitan?

#### WP#2 – Institutional Arrangements



#### WP#2 – Role in Regional Planning

Lower risk of allocation

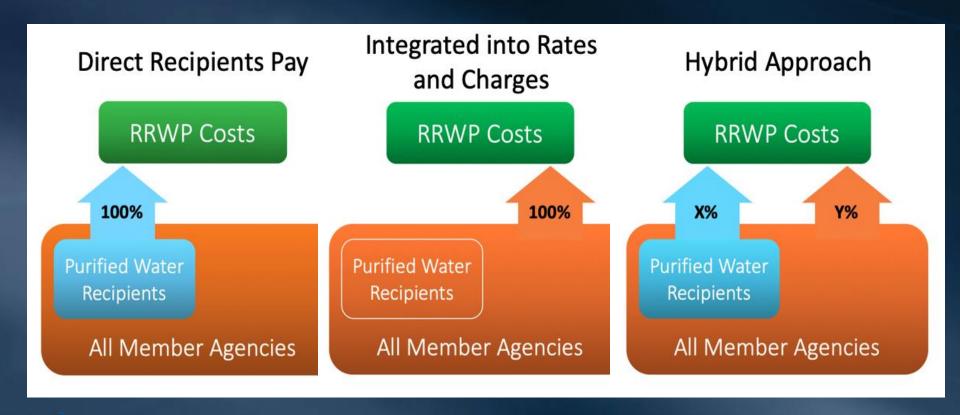
Resilience to climate change

Reliability during seismic event

Water quality improvement & DPR

Increased operational flexibility

#### WP#2 - Cost Recovery Approaches



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# Opportunity for Additional Discussion of White Paper #2

#### Recommended Board Actions

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- Authorize staff to commence Environmental Planning phase for RRWP
- Amend existing NWRI Agreement

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- Amend existing LACSD Agreement
- Approve new SNWA Agreement

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## Board Item 7-3 Environmental Planning

- Prepare environmental documentation to support the Program
  - Program Environmental Impact Report
  - Engineering & Technical Support
    - Treatment / Conveyance / Real Property
  - Public Outreach support
- \$30M included in current O&M budget
  - Costs to be incurred over the next 3 years

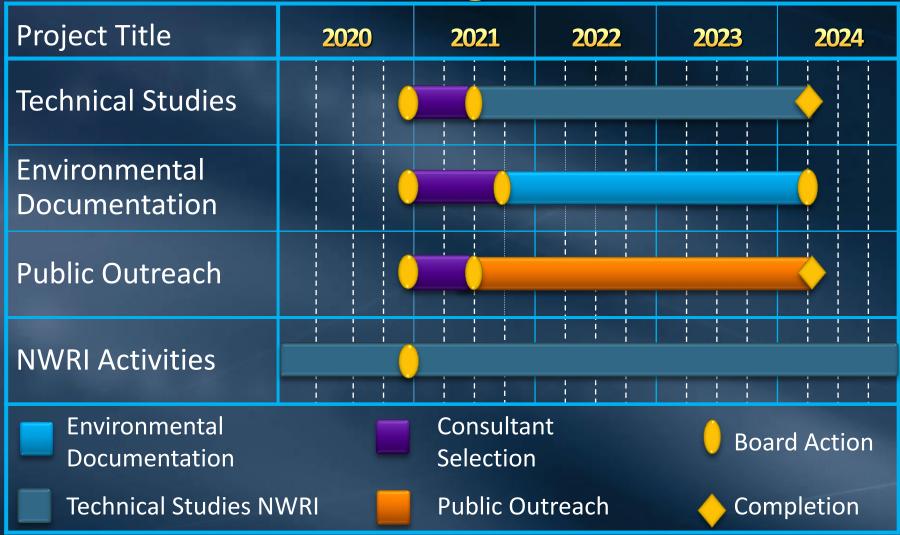
#### Planning Objectives

Activity	Objectives
Environmental Planning	<ul> <li>Program EIR</li> <li>Project-level analyses for selected components</li> </ul>
Engineering & Technical Studies & Support	<ul> <li>Support the environmental planning process</li> <li>Further develop Program components</li> </ul>
Public Outreach	<ul> <li>Conduct collaborative &amp; effective outreach program</li> <li>Encourage public involvement</li> </ul>

#### Board Item 7-3 NWRI Agreement Amendment

- National Water Research Institute (NWRI)
  - Provides Independent Scientific Advisory
     Panel to Demonstration Plant work
  - Guides and reviews test plan and results
- Agreement signed in 2018
  - Initial Agreement: \$245,000
- Proposed Amendment
  - Provides for additional workshops and reports
  - Increases initial agreement by: \$200,000
    - Funds included in current O&M budget

#### Board Item 7-3 Environmental Planning Phase Schedule



#### Board Options – Item 7-3 Environmental Planning and NWRI Agreement Amendment

- Option #1
  - Authorize preparation of environmental documentation and technical studies, and public outreach activities for the Regional Recycled Water Program.
  - Authorize an increase of \$200,000 to an existing agreement with National Water Research Institute, for a not-to-exceed amount of \$445,000 for specialized services.

#### Board Options – Item 7-3 Environmental Planning and NWRI Agreement Amendment

- Option #2
  - Do not authorize preparation of environmental documentation and technical studies, and public outreach activities for the Regional Recycled Water Program, and
  - Authorize an increase of \$200,000 to an existing agreement with National Water Research Institute, for a not-to-exceed amount of \$445,000 for specialized services.

#### Staff Recommendations

- Item 7-3: Environmental Planning Phase and NWRI Agreement Amendment
  - Option #1

#### Board Item 7-4

#### Board Item 7-4 LACSD Amendment

- Initial MOU developed in 2010
- Formal Agreement in place since 2015
  - Demonstration plant implementation
  - Term sheet for potential full-scale facility
- Examples of LACSD coordination efforts
  - Supporting demonstration plant operation
  - Conducting water quality assessments (influent/effluent)
  - Implementing FORCO site Remediation Plan

## Board Item 7-4 LACSD Amendment – Key Terms

- Collaborate to complete environmental planning phase work
- Prepare technical studies on secondary biological treatment and brine collection
- Participate in Public Outreach efforts
- Continue AWT site remediation
- Provide financial contribution for this phase of work

## Board Item 7-4 LACSD Amendment – Key Terms

- Cost allocation established between parties
  - LACSD shared financial contribution directly offsets Metropolitan costs

Type of Contribution	Estimated Contribution
<ul> <li>Shared Financial Contribution to Metropolitan</li> <li>Participation in environmental evaluation</li> <li>Conduct technical support activities</li> <li>Participation in Public Outreach efforts</li> </ul>	\$4M - \$5M (estimated)
<ul> <li>LACSD Sole Contribution</li> <li>Continuation of site remediation activities</li> <li>Conduct other technical studies</li> </ul>	\$6M - \$7M (estimated)
Total	\$10M - \$12M

## Board Item 7-4 SNWA Agreement – Key Terms

- Contribution of 24 percent of Metropolitan environmental planning costs: up to \$6M
- Refund provisions included:
  - If Metropolitan doesn't develop the Program
  - If no separate Development Agreement
- Opportunity for in-kind services
- Does not obligate either party to future phases
- No commitment for full-scale project or exchange

#### Board Options – Item 7-4 LACSD Agreement Amendment and SNWA Agreement

- Option #1
  - Authorize an amendment to agreement with County Sanitation District No. 2 of Los Angeles County, and
  - Authorize an agreement with Southern Nevada Water Authority to support the development of the Regional Recycled Water Program.

#### Board Options – Item 7-4 LACSD Agreement Amendment and SNWA Agreement

- Option #2
  - Authorize an amendment to agreement with County Sanitation District No. 2 of Los Angeles County, or
  - Authorize an agreement with Southern Nevada Water Authority to support the development of the Regional Recycled Water Program.

#### Board Options – Item 7-4 LACSD Agreement Amendment and SNWA Agreement

- Option #3
  - Do not authorize an amendment to agreement with County Sanitation District No.
     2 of Los Angeles County, and
  - Do not authorize an agreement with Southern Nevada Water Authority to support the development of the Regional Recycled Water Program.

#### Staff Recommendations

- Item 7-4: LACSD Agreement Amendment and SNWA Agreement
  - Option #1

