

## Water Use Efficiency Rebate Program



WaterSMART Small-Scale Water Efficiency Projects for Fiscal Year 2024 and Fiscal Year 2025  
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## **Mandatory Federal Forms**

SF-424: Application for Federal Assistance (Separate Submission)

SF-424C: Budget Information Form (Separate Submission)

SF-424D: Assurances Form (Separate Submission)

SF-LLL: Disclosure of Lobbying Activity (Separate Submission)

## **Section 1 – Technical Proposal and Evaluation Criteria**

### **1.1 Executive Summary**

**Date:** January 13, 2025

**City:** Rialto

**Applicant Category:** Category A

**Local Matching Funds:** \$100,000

**Estimated completion date:** 12 Months

**Applicant Name:** West Valley Water District

**County, State:** San Bernardino County, California

**Grant Funding Requested:** \$125,000

**Length of time:** 12 months

**Located on Federal Facility:** No

West Valley Water District (WVWD/District), located in Rialto, CA is committed to providing its customers with resources, including its existing Water Use Efficiency Rebate Program (Program) promoting water conservation across WVWD service area. The Program currently offers rebates for high-efficiency and water saving devices, as well as turf rebates. This funding request will enable WVWD to increase its capacity to provide these valuable incentives to more households and businesses, further supporting California's water conservation goals. The primary goal of this project is to prioritize programs that will enable WVWD customers to adopt long-term conservation habits that will reduce water consumption within the District's service area to meet regulatory demands.

Specifically, the project objectives are as follows:

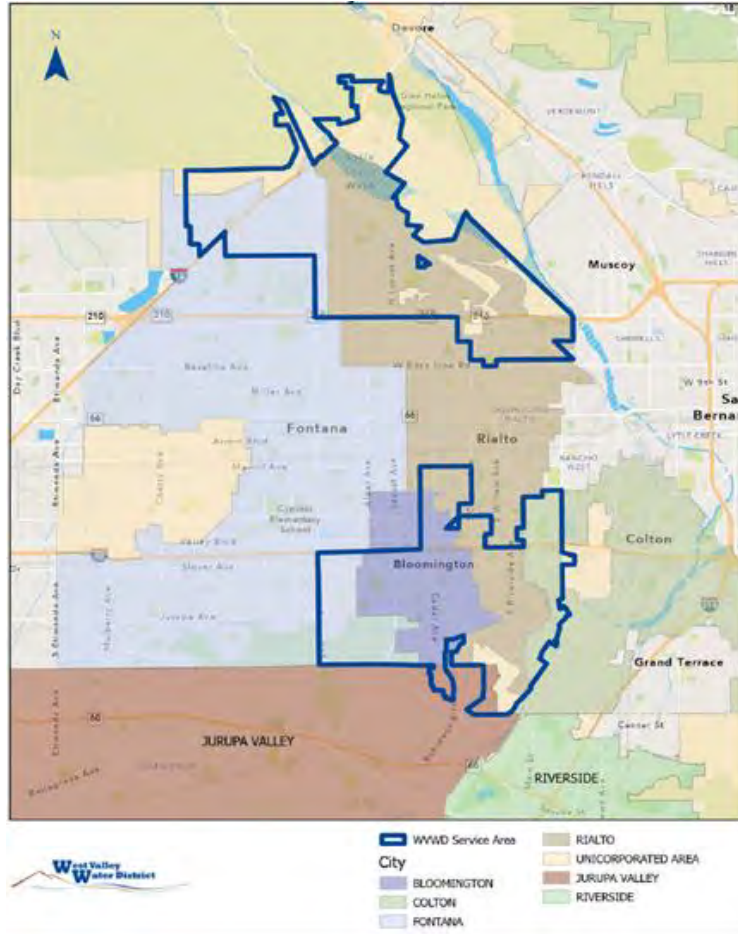
1. **Increase Participation:** Expand the current rebate program to accommodate at least a 40% increase in applications over the next year, ensuring that more households and businesses can take advantage of the District's Program.
2. **Maximize Water Savings:** Encourage the installation of high-efficiency appliances and water-saving landscapes to reduce annual water consumption by at least 600-acre feet per year (AFY).
3. **Support Regulatory Compliance:** Assist WVWD in complying with the Making Conservation a California Way of Life regulation by offering residents and businesses practical and affordable incentives to adopt water-efficient technologies, decreasing water demand across the District's service area.
4. **Promote Sustainable Practices:** Foster a long-term culture of water conservation through education and incentives, ensuring that water-efficient practices remain a permanent part of the community lifestyle.

### **1.2 Project Location**

WVWD serves over 100,000 customers in the communities of Bloomington, Colton, Fontana, Rialto, parts of unincorporated areas in San Bernardino County, and Jurupa Valley in Riverside County. **Figure 1** presents the District's boundaries and the area where the program will be

implemented. The approximate project latitude is {34°110" N} and longitude is {-117°381" W}. Because the Program will be open and available to all WVWD customers, we do not yet know which locations will take advantage of the program.

**Figure 1 – Project Location**



### 1.3 Project Description

WVWD’s Water Use Efficiency Program, established in 2014, aims to promote water conservation through indoor and outdoor rebates for both residential and commercial customers. This program targets reducing water consumption by providing incentives for the installation of water-saving devices and landscapes. The eligible devices for rebates include High-Efficiency Toilets, High-Efficiency Washers, Weather-Based "Smart" Irrigation Controllers, and High-Efficiency Nozzles. Additionally, WVWD encourages the transition to low-water or no-water landscapes by offering a Turf Replacement Rebate. Since the Program's inception, WVWD has received close to 1,000 inquiries from residents and businesses interested in participating. The proposed expansion of the Program aims to further enhance water conservation efforts through additional funding for these rebates. The proposed expansion will span over 12 months, with a clear scope of ongoing management of customer inquiries, rebate application processing, and documentation of program performance. This will include the measurement and reporting of progress against expected goals, tracking of funds allocated to rebates, and managing third parties for installation. West Valley Water District’s current rebate applications can.

## 1.4 Evaluation Criteria

### 1.4a Benefits to the Water Delivery System

**Clearly explain the anticipated water management benefits to the Category A applicant's water supply delivery system and water customers. Consider:**

- **Will the project result in more efficient management of the water supply?**

Yes, the project will result in more efficient management of WVWD's water supply by expanding the use of water-saving devices as well as water-efficient landscapes which will reduce overall water consumption. This reduction in water usage allows the District to effectively allocate its resources, ensuring a sustainable and reliable water supply for the community. It also helps manage demand during peak dry periods, potentially reducing the need for costly water infrastructure expansions or temporary water restrictions. The District is currently in Stage 2 of its Water Shortage Contingency Plan (WSCP). In this stage, customers are required to limit turf irrigation to four days a week, with no more than 10 minutes allotted per station, per day. Lastly, the expected benefits of implementing the Program include 600 AFY of water conservation/water savings that will reduce the District's demands on imported water from San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District (Vally) who is a State Water Project (SWP) contractor. Reduced reliance on imported water will also offset the demands on pumping groundwater from WVWD's Basins. The Program will also benefit customers by providing cost-saving rebates to participants who implement efficient indoor and landscape measures with the future benefit of lower water bills. Furthermore, the goals set in this grant directly align with the demand reductions set out in WVWD's Water Shortage Contingency Plan seen in Appendix B.

- **Where any conserved water as a result of the project will go and how it will be used?**

Water conserved as a result of the Program will directly offset imported water from the State Water Project (SWP) as well as decrease the amount of water needed from shared basins in the Inland Empire region. The conserved water from this project will primarily remain within the District's existing water distribution system. By reducing overall demand through increased efficiency, the saved water will ensure that long-term reliability is met during dry years and allow for water-security for the growing community and support the sustainability of local water resources. It is part of the District's Strategic Plan to be prepared for any future drought occurrence or catastrophic events.

- **Are customers not currently getting their full water right at certain times of year?**

Currently, water customers in the WVWD service area are receiving their full water rights, but conservation measures are necessary due to the recent legislation, Making Conservation a California Way of Life. Although the District has not yet imposed significant water restrictions, changes will be made in order to comply with set water use reduction goals.

- **Does this project have the potential to prevent lawsuits or water calls?**

Yes, this project has the potential to prevent lawsuits or water calls. As water conservation becomes more critical to addressing California's long-term water scarcity issues, the proactive measures taken by the WVWD in promoting water-saving technologies align with state regulations and local needs. By encouraging water-saving technologies and supporting regulatory compliance, WVWD is demonstrating a commitment to fulfilling its water management obligations, which can help prevent conflicts with regulators, environmental groups, or other water users. This can also

protect the agency from potential legal challenges related to water rights or the management of water resources.

- **What are the consequences of not making the improvement?**

WVWD may face higher water demand without the infrastructure or resources to meet it. This could lead to strained water supplies and the need for more aggressive water restrictions, which could negatively affect residents and businesses. Additionally, failing to invest in water-saving technologies could lead to non-compliance with the aforementioned regulations, which could expose the District to penalties, increasing water bills in our most disadvantaged communities and harm the District's long-term sustainability goals.

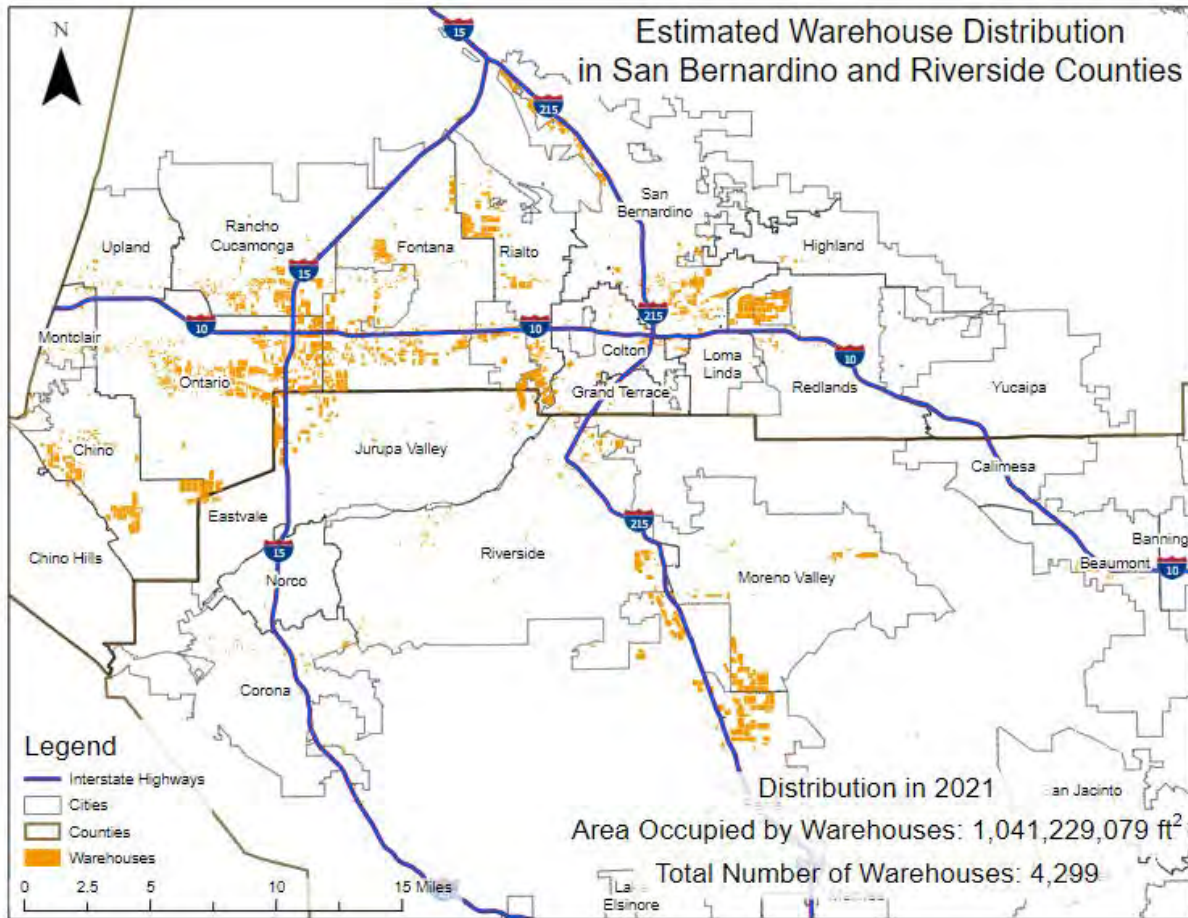
- **Are customer water restrictions currently required?**

At the moment, WVWD is currently under Stage 2 of its WSCP, however, given the ongoing challenges with drought conditions and water scarcity in California, additional restrictions may be imposed if water demand continues to increase without adequate conservation measures. By increasing funding for the Program and promoting efficient water use, this project helps prevent the need for severe water restrictions in the future, ensuring that the district can manage demand more effectively.

- **Other significant concerns that support the need for the project.**

The Inland Empire, located in Southern California, has been experiencing rapid growth in industrial and warehouse development, particularly around cities in WVWD service area. In the article, "We mapped the warehouse takeover of the Inland Empire. The results are overwhelming" published by the Los Angeles Times, the author asserts that "As of 2021, the warehouses of the Inland Empire accounted for more than a billion square feet. There are more than 3,000 warehouses in San Bernardino County and nearly a thousand more in Riverside County. They cover almost 37 contiguous square miles." Figure 2 depicts the growth as of 2021, with continuous expansion since then. This development often comes at the cost of large amounts of land, much of which is covered in non-functional turf, such as grassy areas that are not used for recreation, aesthetic purposes, or functional landscapes. With the additional funding of the Program, the District plans to outreach to various commercial customers to incentivize them to replace this turf with drought-tolerant landscaping or permeable surfaces that don't require regular watering.

**Figure 2 Warehouses Development in the Inland Empire**



There are more than 3,000 warehouses in San Bernardino County and nearly a thousand more in Riverside County. (Graham Brady / Redford Conservancy at Pitzer College)

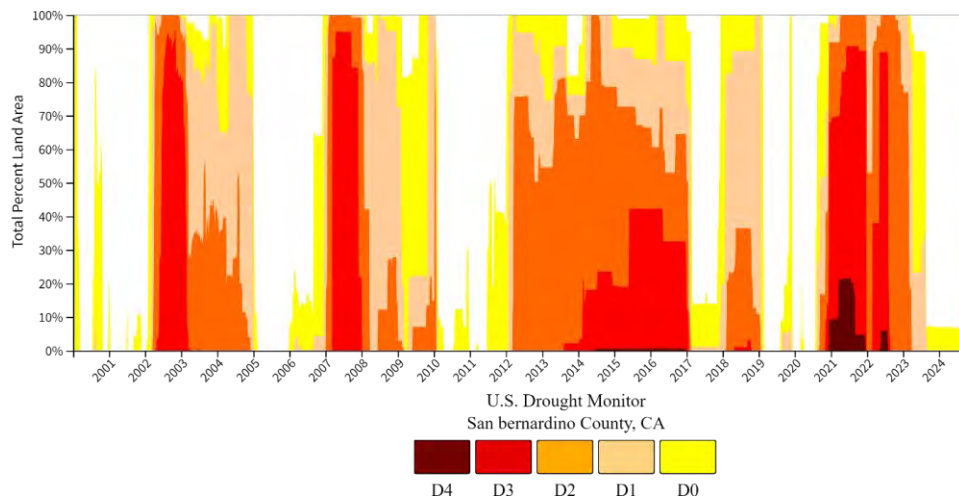
- **Will the proposed project increase collaboration and information sharing among water managers in the region? Please explain.**

Yes, the proposed project is expected to significantly enhance collaboration and information-sharing among water managers in the region. WVWD is an active member of the Basin Technical Advisory Committee, and its subcommittee focused on regional collaboration and conservation. Both committees are hosted by the District’s wholesaler, Valley. Additionally, WVWD participates in the Bi-monthly Regional Water Use Efficiency Partnership Workgroup Meeting, organized by its other wholesaler, the Inland Empire Utilities Agency. These forums provide a platform for discussing various water conservation efforts, sharing new data, lessons learned, and experiences, as well as future planning. Collaboration is vital to maximizing the effectiveness of conservation initiatives, as water management challenges often extend beyond individual district boundaries. By expanding the Program, WVWD can contribute to developing strategies for water efficiency and conservation, while also sharing both successes and challenges, along with crucial data. This ensures that regional resources are managed in a holistic and effective manner. Furthermore, sharing insights into the success of rebate programs and their impact on water usage will promote transparency, deepen collective understanding of water-saving measures, and ultimately benefit all agencies across the region.

- **Is the project in an area that is experiencing, or recently experienced, drought or water scarcity? Will the project help address drought conditions at the sub-basin or basin scale? Please explain.**

Yes, **Figure 3** pulled from *Drought.gov* portrays drought conditions over the last two decades in San Bernardino County, hitting exceptional drought conditions in 2021. With water scarcity becoming a greater concern in California, the District’s goal is to maximize the amount of water captured and stored. The project will help address these challenges at both the sub-basin and basin scale by reducing overall water demand and promoting long-term water efficiency. By increasing funding for the Program, WVWD will directly decrease local water consumption, allowing for more sustainable water use across the District’s service area. This helps ensure that scarce water resources are preserved for critical needs, reducing pressure on the region's water basins and ensuring resilience in future droughts.

**Figure 3 – Historical Drought Conditions for San Bernardino County**



- **Will the project benefit species (e.g., federally threatened or endangered, a federally recognized candidate species, a state listed species, or a species of particular recreational, or economic importance)? Please explain.**

While the project primarily focuses on water conservation for human use, it can indirectly benefit species, especially in areas where reduced water consumption helps maintain environmental flows in natural habitats. For instance, the District relies on imported water from the SWP (Bay-Delta) to recharge its groundwater basins via Valley who is a SWP contractor. By conserving 600 AFY of water, the Program reduces the demand on SWP water and makes more water available in the Bay-Delta. This indirectly reduces demand on the Colorado River and the species that inhabit it.

- **Will the proposed project positively impacts/benefit various sectors and economies within the applicable geographic area?**

With increased funding, the Program, may bring increased economic benefits to certified landscaping and third-party companies that may be contracted to replace turf or install indoor water fixtures. With a more efficient water system, the hope would be for less water-related accidents or emergencies. Mulch application saves water by reducing evaporative losses, cooling soil, controlling weeds, encouraging infiltration, preventing stormwater runoff and erosion, and can

provide a barrier to some soilborne diseases that stress plants and increase water requirements. When mulch is used instead of turf or plants, the use of landscape chemicals is also reduced, which reduces pollution loads and degradation of groundwater and surface water.

- **Will the project complement work be done in coordination with NRCS in the area (e.g., the area with a direct connection to the districts water supply)? Please explain.**

The proposed project could potentially overlap with work being done in coordination with the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) in the area. According to NRCS.org, WaterSmart Initiatives (WSI) is a collaboration between NRCS and the Bureau of Reclamation to coordinate investments in priority areas for improving their cumulative impact in water conservation and drought resilience. Reclamation makes their WSI programs available across the Western U.S., including the Inland Empire, to help plan for and implement projects that increase water supply by providing funds to modernize existing infrastructure and otherwise build drought resilience. WVWD's water conservation efforts align with NRCS's objectives of promoting sustainable land and water management practices. For example, by encouraging the use of high-efficiency irrigation systems and water-saving devices, the project supports NRCS goals of reducing water waste in agricultural operations and enhancing the sustainability of local water supplies. This collaboration can improve overall water management in the area, ensuring that both urban and rural water needs are addressed comprehensively, further supporting water conservation initiatives across the region.

#### **1.4b Planning Efforts Supporting the Project**

- **Is your project supported by a specific planning document or effort? If so, describe the existing plan. When was the plan developed? What is the purpose and objective of the plan?**

As responsible water stewards, WVWD recognizes the importance that readily available resources and education play in customers' ability to reduce water use. As such, integral District documents support the program including the District's Strategic Plan, Water Shorter Contingency Plan (WSCP) and Integrated Regional Urban Water Management Plan (IRUWMP).

WVWD's Strategic Plan was approved on January 18th, 2024, and was built in collaboration with the District's executive team. This plan provides focus and direction for all the District's efforts. The 2020 IRUWMP was a regional effort involving local water suppliers that provide a comprehensive guide for water resource management for the Upper Santa Ana River Watershed. The 2021 WSCP is a strategic plan that the District uses to prepare for and respond to foreseeable and unforeseeable water shortages.

- **Plan Development: Who developed the planning effort? What is the geographic scope of the plan?**

WVWD's Strategic Plan and Water Shortage Contingency Plan's (WSCP) geographic scope covers the District's service area, including 32.2 square miles within the communities of Rialto, Fontana, Colton, Bloomington, Jurupa Valley and Unincorporated San Bernardino County.

The 2020 Integrated Regional Urban Water Management Plan was developed in conjunction with regional water partners and led by WVWD's wholesaler Valley to benefit the service area that Valley covers, including those that WVWD serves.

- **Is the project identified specifically by name and location in the planning effort?**

In both the WSCP (Figure 4) and IRUWMP, rebate efforts to help reduce water use are specifically called out in Section 4.2 as part of Demand Reduction.

## FIGURE 4– Water Shortage Contingency Plan

### 4.2 Demand Reduction

In addition to prohibitions on end uses, WVWD offers various rebates to encourage conservation (i.e. ultra-low flush toilet replacements, high efficiency washing machines, etc.). WVWD has a water rate structure that promotes water efficiency. The reduction goal is to balance supply and demand. [Table 4](#) summarizes these efforts and end use prohibitions.

- **Is this type of project identified in the planning effort?**

The planning documents act as guides for the District initiatives and goals, while they call out rebates, it only gives examples of types of rebates WVWD can provide but is not an exhaustive list. These examples include high-efficiency devices.

- **Explain whether the proposed project implement a goal, objective, or address a need or problem identified in the existing planning effort?**

WVWD’s proposed Water Use Efficiency Rebate Program implements several strategies identified within the goals of its Strategic Plan including to “Develop and Grow Effective Communication and Advocacy Practices” and “Effective Financial Stewardship.”

- **Develop and Grow Effective Communication and Advocacy Practices:** Under this goal, strategies that align with this proposed program include:
  - Grow conservation education and marketing –Increasing engagement with disadvantaged and Spanish-speaking communities.
  - Presenting the District as a proactive community partner - Ensuring WVWD customers have readily available resources.
- **Effective Financial Stewardship:** Under this goal, strategies that align with this proposed program include:
  - Develop an effective ongoing grants program – Applying for this grant to increase funding of this crucial program.
  - Continuously explore and implement cost-saving initiatives – This funding will allow the District to increase rebate awardees without impacting the use of customer funds.

- **Explain how the proposed project has been determined as a priority in the existing planning effort as opposed to other potential projects/measures.**

In addition to the objectives identified in the previous question, WVWD will be complying with new state mandates. In response to California’s ongoing water challenges, the state has adopted a conservation framework known as "Making Conservation a California Way of Life." These regulations are designed to ensure long-term water sustainability and encourage efficient water use. As a water supplier in Southern California, West Valley Water District, not the customers, must meet the regulations or face steep fines. Because of this necessity, WVWD has identified this proposed program to comply with the new framework and ensure that unnecessary cost due to noncompliance do not get passed down to the customer.

## 1.4c Implementation and Results

**Describe the implementation plan for the proposed project. Please include an estimated project schedule that shows the stages and duration of the proposed work, including major tasks, milestones, and dates.**

West Valley Water District assumes this grant program will exhaust the funds allocated to it within 12 months. This would estimate the program to run from November 2025 through November 2026.

**Pre Stage:** Funding Awarded/ Program administration

- West Valley Water District staff will administer the Program as designed in the grant program application and in accordance with the Reclamation agreement.

**Stage 1:** Program assessment

- Prior to the launch of the expanded Water Use Efficiency Program, West Valley Water District staff will evaluate the current conservation Program to ensure that it complies with Reclamation's requirements per the contract. Staff will also measure the Program against other successful initiatives to ensure that best practices are followed.

**Stage 2:** Marketing and Promotion

- West Valley Water District staff will launch a public awareness campaign to reach residents, businesses, and other key stakeholders to promote the expanded program. Marketing collateral will be created, including but not limited to bill inserts, flyers, social media campaigns, and updated web content. All materials will outline the benefits of the Program and be translated in Spanish as necessary. WVWD staff will also attend community events to promote the Program.

**Stage 3:** Program Implementation

- Official Program launch will begin approximately January 2026. West Valley Water District staff will review applications, conduct pre-inspections, approve device rebate credits, conduct post-inspections, and approve turf rebates. Additionally, throughout this process data will be collected to be shared in the reporting portion of the agreement with Reclamation.

**Stage 4:** Evaluation and Revision

- Understanding that West Valley Water District customers are diverse and require different methods of communication and education, the Program will implement an ongoing evaluation period. This stage will allow WVWD staff to review marketing, promotion and outreach on an ongoing basis to allow for changes to account for differences in how customers perceive the Program and information provided.

**Stage 5:** Monitor Savings and Report

- Throughout the life of the Program, West Valley Water District staff will monitor water savings to be included within the reporting submitted to Reclamation. The report will be in accordance with Reclamation agreement.

**Table 1. Water Use Efficiency Program Proposed Schedule**

<b>Program Stage</b>	<b>Duration</b>	<b>Major Tasks/Milestones</b>	<b>Start Date</b>	<b>End Date</b>
Funding Awarded/ program administration	12 months	- Receive award letter -Execute agreement with Reclamation	Oct. 2025	Oct. 2026
Program Assessment	2 months	- WVWD will reassess its current conservation program to identify any pitfalls or changes needed to create a successful program.	Oct. 2025	Dec. 2025
Marketing and Promotion	1-10 months	- Marketing and outreach to begin -Including materials to be translated into Spanish	Dec. 2025	Sept. 2026
Program Implementation	11 months	- Conduct pre and post inspections (where necessary) -Process rebate check or bill credit	Jan. 2026	Nov. 2026
Evaluation and Revision	1-11 months	- Review and change as needed	Nov. 2025	Nov. 2026
Monitor Savings and Reporting	12 months	- Submit reports to Reclamation -Monitor water savings	Nov. 2025	Nov. 2026

- **Describe any permits and agency approvals that will be required along with the process and timeframe for obtaining such permits or approvals.**

No permits or agency approvals will be required for this program.

- **Identify and describe any engineering or design work performed specifically in support of the proposed project.**

No engineering or design work is required for this program.

- **Does the applicant have access to the land or water source where the project is located?**

As a condition to participate in the Program, applicants will need to allow access to the appropriate sites where the program will be implemented and will be informed of this requirement during the rebate process. Easements are not a requirement for the program participant as applicants must be the owner of the property or have permission by the owner to proceed with the application. This can include property managers or designated contractors.

- **Identify whether the applicant has contacted the local Reclamation office to discuss the potential environmental and cultural resource compliance requirements for the project and the associated costs. Has a line item been included in the budget for costs associated with compliance?**

The proposed Program is for developed residential and commercial land. All environmental and cultural resource compliance requirements should have been resolved during the development process.

#### **1.4d Nexus to Reclamation**

- **Does the applicant have a water service, repayment, or operations and maintenance (O&M) contract with Reclamation?**

WVWD does not have a water service, repayment, or operations and maintenance contract with Reclamation.

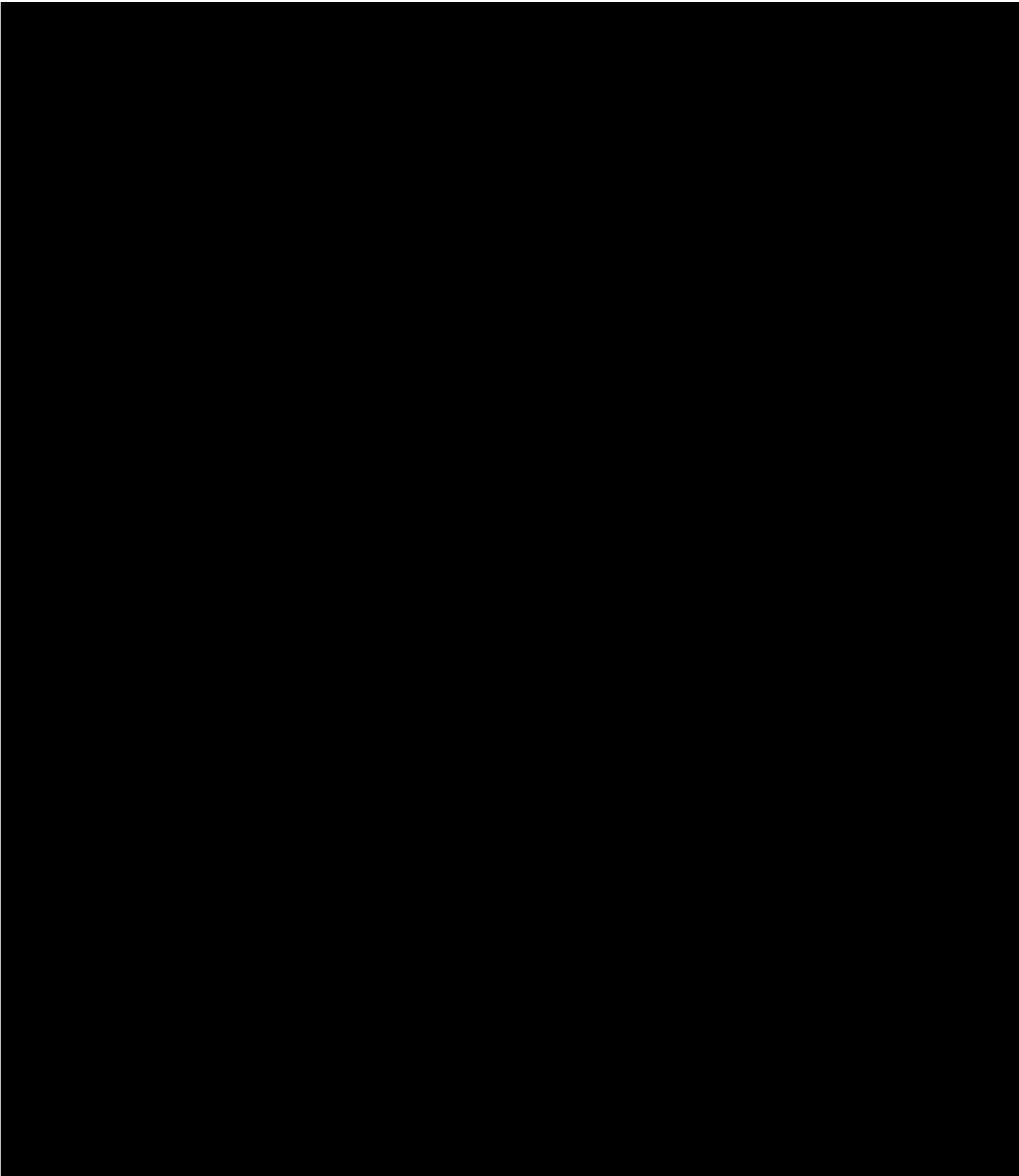
- **If the applicant is not a Reclamation contractor, does the applicant receive Reclamation water through a Reclamation contractor or by any other contractual means?**

The District is not a Reclamation contractor but does receive State Water Project (SWP) water through its wholesaler Valley. Valley receives SWP water to recharge local groundwater basins, including those from which WVWD pumps and obtains much of its potable water supply. Although, not a Reclamation contractor, the proposal project benefits to the Bay-Delta are transferrable to both SWP contractors and Reclamation Central Valley Project (CVP) contractors. More water remaining in the Bay-Delta benefits the CVP for Reclamation and its contractors.

- **Will the proposed work benefit a Reclamation Project area or activity?**

The Water Use Efficiency Rebate Program will benefit reclamation activity in the Upper Santa Ana River Watershed Basin Study (Study). The USBR was an integral partner in developing the Summary Report for the Study with the Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority (SAWPA). As a retailer under Valley, WVWD supplies, manages and pumps potable water into the service area groundwater basins. Valley is a member agency at SAWPA.

The Water Use Efficiency Rebate Program also benefits Reclamation's efforts related to the State Water Project (SWP), a water facility project managed in tandem with Reclamation, as mandated in the 1986 Coordinated Operations Agreement between the U.S. and the California DWR. Additionally, the Reclamations efforts with the Central Valley Project (CVP) benefit. The CVP reduces flood risk for the Central Valley, and supplies Valley domestic and industrial water, whereas the SWP provides a water supply and delivery system to distribute water across California. Both the CVP and SWP rely on water supply in the Bay-Delta. Reclamation and the California DWR coordinate on the balance of water in the Bay-Delta for uses in the SWP and CVP. Therefore, both the SWP and the CVP benefit from a decrease in water demand that could be brought about due to the program.





## **Section 2 – Project Budget**

**The complete AMI Project Budget includes a Funding Plan and Letters of Commitment, Budget Proposal, Budget Narrative, and the SF 424 Budget Form.**

### **2.1 Funding Plan and Letters of Commitment**

#### **Non-Federal Share of Project Costs:**

WVWD will fund the entirety of the cost share that is not covered by the USBR Small-scale grant. Part of this funding is provided for conservation efforts through the District's wholesaler, San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District. These funds result from the District reducing the demand on local supplies and taking steps to ensure resiliency of existing supplies and offset the allocated budget set forth for the fiscal year.

#### **Cost Share Contribution:**

WVWD has budgeted \$50,000 for FY24-25 and will budget \$50,000 for FY25-26, totaling \$100,000 covering the entirety of the cost share for the life of the program. The District's programs/rebates are included in the District's budget under section 100-5720-537-5503. Table 2 identifies the source of funding for the program.

**Table 2 Program Cost**

<b>SOURCE OF FUNDING</b>	<b>AMOUNT OF FUNDING</b>
USBR Small-Scale Grant	\$125,000
WVWD Cost-Share Contribution	\$100,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$225,000</b>

**Any Third-Party In-Kind Costs:**

WVWD will not utilize any third-party in-kind costs.

**Funding Partners and Letters of Commitment:**

WVWD has no funding partners for this program.

**Funding Requests from other Non-Federal Entities:**

None.

**Pending Funding Requests:**

WVWD has no other funding requests for this program.

**Any Costs Incurred Prior to Award:**

To date, in fiscal year 24-25, WVWD has paid over \$13,000 in rebates to customers through the Water Use Efficiency Rebate Program and the District has seen interest in the program grow among commercial customers throughout the District, seeking to identify opportunities to save on costs when complying with state non-functional turf law.

**2.2 Budget Proposal**

The total expenditures for WVWD’s Water Use Efficiency Program is estimated at \$225,000. \$125,000 of the program would be funded through the WaterSMART Small-scale Water Efficiency Projects grant. WVWD would include a cost share of \$100,000.

Most costs will be incurred during stage 2 (marketing and promotion) and stage 3 (program implementation). No funding for fringe benefits, equipment or contracted services (outside of the contract between WVWD and its customer which do not incur a cost) will be included in this program.

**Rebate amounts are as follows:**

- High-efficiency toilets: \$50/each, maximum of 2 per household
- High-efficiency washers: \$100/each, maximum of 1 per household
- High-efficiency nozzles: \$4/each, no maximum
- Weather-based “Smart” Irrigation Controller: \$100/each
- Turf Replacement: \$1/sq. ft., restrictions on replacement type apply.

BUDGET ITEM DESCRIPTION	COMPUTATION		QUANTITY TYPE	TOTAL COST
	S/UNIT	QUANTITY		
Water Conservation Analyst	\$47.46		104 Hours/Week	\$5,000.00
<b>Fringe Benefits</b>				
Not Applicable				
<b>Equipment</b>				
Not Applicable				
Bill Inserts	\$3,000		4 Bill Insert	\$12,000
Social Media Campaign	\$50		4 Ad	\$200
Web Content Updates	\$0		0	\$0
Not Applicable				
High-efficiency Toilets	\$50		50 each	\$2,500
High-efficiency Washers	\$100		50 each	\$5,000
High-Efficiency Nozzles	\$4		100 each	\$400
Weather-Based "Smart" Irrigation Controller	\$100		50 each	\$5,000
Turf Replacement	\$1		194,900 Sq. Ft	\$194,900
<b>TOTAL COST OF PROGRAM</b>				<b>\$225,000.00</b>
<b>Sources of Funding</b>				
USBR Small-scale Grant	\$125,000		1 Grant	\$125,000
WVWD Cost Share	\$100,000		1 Contribution	\$100,000
Third-party In-kind Donations	Not applicable			\$0
Pre-awarded funds	Not applicable			

## 2.3 Budget Narrative

### Salary and Wages

A portion of WVWD's Water Conservation Analyst (Analyst) salary will be funded by this grant. The District estimates that the Analyst will spend approximately 2 hours a week at \$47.46/hour for this program, totaling \$4,935.84 for the fiscal year not to exceed \$5,000. This portion of the program will be solely funded through WVWD's cost-share.

### Fringe Benefits

The program cost does not include fringe benefits.

### Equipment

No equipment is required for the project.

### Other - Outreach Campaign

WVWD will launch a public outreach campaign to promote the Water Use Efficiency Program. Marketing collateral will be created, including but not limited to bill inserts, flyers, social media campaigns and updated web content and in-person community outreach.

### Contracted Services

Each applicant who would like to participate in the rebate program will be required to fill out an application. Customers whose applications are approved will be reimbursed, depending on the type of application. Qualifying water-saving devices will be reimbursed through the customer's bill, while turf rebates will be reimbursed through a written check.

## Section 3 – Other Application Elements

### 3.1 Environmental and Cultural Resources Compliance

- **Will the proposed project impact the surrounding environment?**

This project will only remove existing grass located on previously disturbed land and should not affect soil or habitat. The project requires ground cover so dust will not be an issue. The project will reduce the water demands of the project sites.

- **Are you aware of any species listed or proposed to be listed as a Federal threatened or endangered species, or designated critical habitat in the project area? If so, would they be affected by any activities associated with the proposed project?**

There are no known habitats of threatened or endangered species within the project area.

- **Are there wetlands or other surface waters inside the project boundaries that potentially fall under CWA jurisdiction as "Waters of the United States"?**

No known wetlands or other surface waters.

- **When was the water delivery system constructed?**

The District operates assets that were installed prior to the 1940's by predecessor local mutual water companies. The District was formed in 1952 as West San Bernardino County Water

District. A large portion of the District's infrastructure was installed in the 1970's and 1980's as urban sprawl progressed east from Los Angeles.

- **Will the proposed project result in any modification of or effects to, individual features of an irrigation system?**

No.

- **Are any buildings, structures, or features in the irrigation district listed or eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places?**

District staff searched the National Register Information System (NRIS) public database and did not identify any properties within the District's service area that is listed in the National Register of Historic Places. The Water Use Efficiency Rebate Program is not anticipated to affect the architecture of any properties.

- **Are there any known archeological sites in the proposed project area?**

No, there are no known archeological sites in the Water Use Efficiency Rebate Program's area.

- **Will the proposed project have a disproportionate and adverse effect on any communities with environmental justice concerns?**

No, the Rebate Program will not have a disproportionate and adverse effect on low income or minority populations. The Program has the potential to provide positive monetary benefits to low income and minority populations by providing financial incentives for water-saving measures that will potentially decrease the costs of water to that population as a result of water savings.

- **Will the proposed project limit access to, and ceremonial use of, Indian sacred sites or result in other impacts on Tribal lands?**

No, the Program will not limit access to and ceremonial use of Indian sacred sites or result in other impacts on tribal lands.

- **Will the proposed project contribute to the introduction, continued existence, or spread of noxious weeds or non-native invasive species known to occur in the area?**

No, the Program will not contribute to the introduction, continued existence, or spread of noxious weeds or non-native species known to occur in the area.

### **3.2 Required Permits of Approvals**

There are no permits or approvals necessary for the Project.

### **3.3 Overlap or Duplication of Effort Statement**

There is no anticipated overlap between the proposed Program and any other active or anticipated District proposals or projects in terms of activities, costs, or commitment of key personnel that would adversely impact the Program.

### **3.4 Conflict of Interest Disclosure Statement**

There are no or anticipated potential conflicts of interest existing at the time of this submission.

### **3.5 Uniform Audit Reporting Statement**

The District was not required to submit a Single Audit report for the most recently closed fiscal year (FY 2023-2024).

### **3.6 Disclosure of Lobbying Activities**

The Authorized Official's signature on the SF-LLL form included in the Mandatory Forms with this application represents the District's certification of the statements in 43 CFR Part 18, Appendix A-Certification Regarding Lobbying.

### **3.7 Letters of Support**

Refer to Appendix C.

### **3.8 Official Resolution**

An official resolution will be approved by the District's Board of Directors prior to accepting an award under the NOFO. The resolution will verify the identity of the official with legal authority to enter into an agreement; the Board of Directors has reviewed and supports the application submitted; and that the District will work with Reclamation to meet established deadlines for entering into a grant or cooperative agreement.

### **3.9 Unique Entity Identifier and System for Award Management**

West Valley Water District is registered in the System for Award Management. The District's UEI is FE8NSDHHWKV5.

### **Appendices**

The following appendices are attached in the following pages.

Appendix A – Rebates

Appendix B – Water Shortage Contingency Plan

Appendix C – Letters of Support

## **Appendix A**

# Rebate Program

Rebates are offered to our West Valley Water District residential and commercial customers (commercial customers on a case to case basis). Pre-inspection and Post-inspection may be required to obtain a rebate. Funding is limited and rebates will be awarded on a first come, first serve basis while funding is available.



Available Device Rebates



Eligibility Requirements

**High-efficiency Toilets** are toilets that have a low volume flush of 1.28 gallons per flush (gpf) or less. The rebate amount for a qualifying HE toilet is \$50 (maximum 2 per household; \$100 max).

**High-efficiency Washers** yield savings in both water and electricity. HE washers maximum water factor is 6 (based on gallons per cycle/per cubic foot) and use at least 35% less water than conventional washers. Reduction in water usage also reduces energy use because less water needs to be heated. The rebate amount for a qualifying HE washer is \$100.

**Weather-Based "Smart" Irrigation Controller** improves irrigation efficiency by reducing the amount of irrigation and watering time; reducing the amount of over watering. Smart timers have a weather based component that tracks current weather conditions, and will turn off or reduce irrigation if precipitation is present or irrigation is not needed. The rebate amount for a qualifying smart timer is \$100.

**High-efficiency Nozzles** are sprinkler nozzles designed to reduce water consumption. HE nozzles can come in form of rotary nozzles and spray nozzles. Instead of a fixed stream of water, rotary nozzles deliver multiple streams, reducing water waste. HE nozzles deliver a wider stream of water that decreases overspray and runoff. Increase in water droplet size in newer spray nozzles decrease the amount of overspray while increasing amount applied to vegetation. HE nozzles are designed for easy replacement on pop-up irrigation heads. The rebate amount for qualifying nozzles is \$4 per nozzle.

## High-efficiency Toilets

- HE toilets must be new and have a low volume flush of 1.28 gpf or less.
- All toilets being replaced must be models using 3.5 gpf or greater
- HE toilets must be WaterSense certified and currently listed on [www.epa.gov/watersense](http://www.epa.gov/watersense).

## High-efficiency Washers

- HE washers must be new.
- HE washers must be on the current list of Energy Star qualified clothes washers, [www.energystar.gov](http://www.energystar.gov), or have a water factor of 6 (gallons per cycle/per cubic foot) or less per load.
- HE washers must be replacing a unit that uses a higher volume of water per load.

## Weather-based "Smart" Irrigation Controller

- Customers must have an existing automated irrigation system with an operable irrigation controller.
- Smart timer must be new and include a weather sensor or the purchase/installation of a weather sensor that is compatible with existing irrigation timer; thus making it a "smart timer".

## High-efficiency Nozzles

- HE nozzles must be new.
- HE nozzles must have documentation (pamphlet, sticker, etc.) signifying its water use efficiency.
- While there is no minimum requirement to be eligible or a rebate, it is required that all nozzles on an individual valve circuit be replaced at the same time for effective conservation.

# Turf Replacement Rebate Application

## Applicant Information

APPLICANT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ACCOUNT #: \_\_\_\_\_

SERVICE ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE #: \_\_\_\_\_

PROPERTY OWNER (IF DIFFERENT): \_\_\_\_\_

MAILING ADDRESS (IF DIFFERENT): \_\_\_\_\_

### FOR OFFICE USE ONLY Pre-Inspection

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Inspector: \_\_\_\_\_

- Residential
- Multi-family
- CII
- Front Yard
- Back Yard
- Photos Taken
- Sketch/Design

## QUALIFICATION AND RULES

1. Participant must be a West Valley Water District customer.
2. To obtain a rebate, customers must agree to a pre/post installation site inspection. This service is provided free of charge to customers.
3. Customer must provide West Valley Water District with the itemized dated sales purchase receipt(s) for any products included in this program. Only products within the rebate program are eligible for rebate. If the purchase price for any of the products includes installation charges, the purchase and installation must be listed separately on the original receipt.
4. All applications must be complete and signed for approval to be eligible for rebate.
5. Rebates will not exceed the purchase amount of the rebate product.
6. Rebates will be processed on a first-come-first-served basis until funds for the fiscal year are exhausted.
7. Rebate requests may be tracked with pre-installation and post-installation inspections to ensure the implementation and use of the rebated products.
8. After validation of purchase and installation of the approved product, customers will receive a rebate in the form of a mailed check. Rebates may be considered taxable income. Check with a tax professional for your specific tax filing requirements.
9. If customer participates in the turf replacement program they agree to maintain the water efficient landscape improvements for the duration of the ownership of the property.

### Post-Inspection

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Inspector: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Turf Removed \_\_\_\_\_ Sq. Ft.

TR Eligible for Rebate \_\_\_\_\_ Sq. Ft.

- Artificial Turf
- 33% Living Plant Coverage
- Photos Taken
- Itemized Receipts

### Refund

- Check
- W-9 Form (if needed)

### Notes:

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## DISCLAIMER

The West Valley Water District (WVWD) reserves the right to deny applications if any conditions or qualifications are not met. Submission or possession of a rebate application does not guarantee receiving a rebate/ bill credit. WVWD reserves the right to change the terms of this program at its discretion at any time. By participating in this program, you waive and release WVWD from any and all claims and causes of action arising out of the installation or use of rebated products. Any claim based upon defect or failure of performance of rebated products should be pursued with the manufacturer/distributor. WVWD is not responsible for receipts or paperwork lost in the mail. WVWD cannot guarantee that any participation in this program will result in lower water utility bills. Customer is responsible for complying with local ordinances, restrictions, rules and regulations prior to installing any new equipment. At any time this program can be subject to change or termination without prior notice.

I certify that the information contained in this application is true and correct. I have read, understand and agree to the qualifications and rules listed in this application.

\_\_\_\_\_  
AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE/ TITLE (IF APPLICANT IS A BUSINESS)

\_\_\_\_\_  
DATE

**SAFE. HIGH QUALITY. RELIABLE.**



# Turf Replacement Rebate Program

West Valley Water District offers customers up to \$1 per sq. ft. for the replacement of current turf with a water-efficient landscape. A pre-inspection and post-inspection are required to obtain a rebate. Funding is limited and rebates will be awarded on a first come, first served basis while available.

## Eligibility Requirements

- Customers are required to have a pre-inspection and submit a landscape sketch/design of all proposed conversion landscape areas at the time of preinspection approval.
- Removal and replacement of turf must comply with customers' city and county landscape ordinances.
- Projects are required to be a minimum of 500 ft<sup>2</sup> and completed within 6 months of approval date. Properties with a lot size smaller than 4,500 ft<sup>2</sup> are exempt from this requirement.
- Landscape areas where conversion takes place are required to contain enough vegetation to create at least 33% living plant cover, once the plants are fully grown; artificial turf is exempt from this requirement.
- The conversion area is required to be completely covered by a layer permeable to air and water. Common materials include rock, bark, un-grouted flagstone or pavers and artificial turf manufactured to be permeable. Concrete or other impermeable treatments do not qualify.
- Water efficient landscape products are at the desire of the customer such as rock, pebble, mulch, groundcover, drought tolerant plants with drip irrigation and/or artificial turf.
- Visit the Water Saving Garden Friendly website at [www.watersavinggardenfriendly.com](http://www.watersavinggardenfriendly.com) for a list of water saving plants.
- Customer is required to provide itemized-dated sales receipt(s).
- Customer is required to fill out a W-9 Form for a rebate amount equal or greater than \$600; may be considered taxable income. Check with a tax professional for your specific tax filing requirements.

## Checklist

### Pre-Inspection Checklist



- Application
- Sketch/ Design of Proposed Landscape
- Schedule Inspection (909) 875-1804

### Post-Inspection Checklist

- All Receipts
- W-9 Form (if needed)

Schedule Final Inspection (909)875-1804

## Customer Service Department

(909) 875-1804

or

[customerservice@wvwd.org](mailto:customerservice@wvwd.org)



## **Appendix B**

SHORTAGE STAGE	DEMAND REDUCTION ACTIONS	HOW MUCH IS THIS GOING TO REDUCE THE SHORTAGE GAP?	ADDITIONAL EXPLANATION OR REFERENCE	PENALTY, CHARGE, OR OTHER ENFORCEMENT
	landscape irrigation		term "median" shall mean the strip of land between street lanes.	
2	Decrease Line Flushing	0-1%		No
2	Other	0-1%	Use historical data instead of performing fire flow tests for new developments	No
2	Other	0-1%	Screen all new applications for water service installations and limit water use before occupancy	No
2	Reduce System Water Loss	0-1%	Repair all leaks within 72 hours	No
2	CII - Restaurants may only serve water upon request	0-1%	All restaurants prohibited from serving water to their customers except when requested by customer.	Yes
2	CII - Lodging establishment must offer opt out of linen service	0-1%	Operators of hotels and motels must provide guests with the option of choosing not to have towels and linens laundered daily. The hotels and motels shall prominently display notice of this option in each guestroom using clear and easily understood language.	Yes
2	Landscape - Limit landscape irrigation to specific days	0-5%	Limit all landscape irrigation to four (4) days per week for no more than ten (10) minutes per station per day. This provision does not apply to any landscape that has waterefficient devices that are operated properly. Waterefficient devices are drip irrigation systems and operational weather-based irrigation controllers. The term "week" is defined as Sunday through Saturday.	Yes
2	Other - Prohibit use of potable water for construction and dust control	0-1%	District will screen all new applications for water service installations and will limit water use before occupancy to that essential use for construction and testing of landscape plumbing. Limited landscaping for new development shall be allowed as approved by the District. Water use for compaction, dust control, and other types of construction shall be by permit only and will be limited to conditions of the permit or may be prohibited as determined by the General Manager or his/her designee.	Yes
2	Other - Customers must	0-1%	Repair all leaks within seventy-two (72) hours of notification by the District unless other	Yes

SHORTAGE STAGE	DEMAND REDUCTION ACTIONS	HOW MUCH IS THIS GOING TO REDUCE THE SHORTAGE GAP?	ADDITIONAL EXPLANATION OR REFERENCE	PENALTY, CHARGE, OR OTHER ENFORCEMENT
	repair leaks, breaks, and malfunctions in a timely manner		arrangements are made with the general manager of the District ("General Manager").	
2	Landscape - Other landscape restriction or prohibition	0-5%	Irrigating landscaping, including, but not limited to, turf and ornamental landscapes during and within forty-eight (48) hours following measurable precipitation is prohibited.	Yes
2	Other water feature or swimming pool restriction	0-1%	Swimming pools, hot tubs, and spas shall not be filled or refilled after being drained.	Yes
2	Other water feature or swimming pool restriction	0-1%	Ornamental pools, fountains, water displays, and artificial lakes shall not be filled or refilled after being drained.	Yes
2	Other - Prohibit use of potable water for construction and dust control	0-1%	Water used for compaction, dust control, and other types of construction shall be by permit only and will be limited to conditions of the permit or may be prohibited as determined by the General Manager, or his/her designee.	Yes
3	Reduce System Water Loss	0-1%	Repair all leaks within 48 hours	No
3A	Other - Prohibit vehicle washing except at facilities using recycled or recirculating water	0-1%	Washing of automobiles, trucks, trailers, boats, airplanes, and other types of mobile equipment are prohibited. Washing of the above-listed vehicles or mobile equipment shall be allowed only at a commercial car wash where recirculating water is being utilized.	Yes
3A	Landscape - Limit landscape irrigation to specific times	0-5%	All agricultural water users shall irrigate only at times approved by the District.	Yes
3A	Water Features - Restrict water use for decorative water features, such as fountains	0-1%	Swimming pools, hot tubs, and spas shall not be refilled or filled after being drained.	Yes

## **Appendix C**

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**PETE AGUILAR**  
CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES  
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January 9, 2024

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The Honorable M. Camille Calimlim Touton  
Commissioner  
U.S. Bureau of Reclamation  
1849 C Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20240-0001

RE: West Valley Water District's Small-Scale Water Efficiency Grant Application

Dear Commissioner Touton,

I am writing to express my support for the West Valley Water District's (WVWD) application for funding under the FY25 WaterSMART Small-Scale Water Efficiency Grant Program. WVWD is requesting \$125,000 to advance their ongoing water conservation efforts. If approved, the funding will allow WVWD to expand its existing rebate program and promote water conservation policies across our communities.

WVWD is one of our region's largest water providers and serves over 100,000 customers across the cities of Fontana, Colton, Bloomington, Rialto, Jurupa Valley and the unincorporated areas of San Bernardino. Currently, WVWD's rebate program offers rebates for high-efficiency toilets, washers, smart irrigation controllers, high-efficiency nozzles and turf replacement. With the growing demand for water efficiency, WVWD is looking to increase its capacity to provide these valuable incentives to more households and businesses, further supporting California's water conservation goals.

WaterSMART funding will specially enable WVWD to increase participation in its rebate program by 40 percent over the next year. Additionally, WVWD will be able to maximize water saving for customers by encouraging the installation of high efficiency appliances and water-saving landscapes. These efforts will assist WVWD in promoting sustainable water practices and will be instrumental in complying with upcoming state regulations.

I encourage you to give the West Valley Water District's application your full and fair consideration, consistent with applicable laws and regulations. If you have any questions, please contact Curt Lewis, Grant Program Director in my office at [Curt.Lewis@mail.house.gov](mailto:Curt.Lewis@mail.house.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pete Aguilar".

Pete Aguilar  
Member of Congress

NORMA J. TORRES  
35TH DISTRICT, CALIFORNIA

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January 9, 2025

Camille Calimlim Touton  
Commissioner  
United States Bureau of Reclamation  
1849 C Street NW  
Washington D.C. 20240-0001

Dear Commissioner Calimlim Touton,

As the Representative from California's 35th Congressional District, I write in support of West Valley Water District's (WVWD) application for funding under the United States Bureau of Reclamation's "WaterSMART Small-Scale Water Efficiency Projects" program, entitled the "Water Use Efficiency Rebate Expansion Program."

According to WVWD, there has been an influx of applications for the district's water efficiency rebate program, leading to a scarcity of funds for the program. It is my understanding that the primary goal of the proposed project is to expand and enhance WVWD's preexisting water use efficiency rebate program to help meet potential future water needs and aims to comply with new California State regulations. To my knowledge, rebate programs offer residents and businesses practical and affordable incentives to adopt water-efficient technologies with the goal of decreasing water demand.

This project is anticipated to increase the capacity of WVWD's rebate program which currently offers rebates for high-efficiency toilets, washers, smart irrigation controllers, nozzles, and turf replacement. Additionally, this proposed expansion has the potential to reduce overall water consumption, helping residents save money on their water bills while promoting sustainable water use throughout the region.

Water efficiency rebate programs can be a powerful vehicle for sustainability and quality-of-life improvements. I believe that this project will prioritize solutions to the region's existing water challenges. For the reasons provided, I respectfully request that you give this grant proposal your full and fair consideration pursuant to all applicable rules and regulations.

Sincerely,

NORMA J. TORRES  
Member of Congress (CA-35)

# California State Senate

SENATOR  
ELOISE GÓMEZ REYES  
TWENTY-NINTH SENATE DISTRICT



December 18, 2024

The Honorable M. Camille Calimlin Touton  
Commissioner  
U.S. Bureau of Reclamation  
1849 C Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20240-0001

## **RE: West Valley Water District's Small-Scale Water Efficiency Grant Application**

Dear Commissioner Touton:

I write in support of West Valley Water District's (WVWD) application for the Bureau of Reclamation's WaterSMART Small-Scale Water Efficiency Grant Program. WVWD is requesting \$125,000 to advance water conservation in its service area.

With increased demand for water efficiency, WVWD wants to expand its existing rebate program, promoting water conservation across its community. The District's program currently offers rebates for high-efficiency toilets, washers, smart irrigation controllers, high-efficiency nozzles, and turf replacement. WaterSMART funding will enable WVWD to increase its capacity to provide these valuable incentives to more households and businesses, further supporting California's water conservation goals.

The primary goal of this project is to reduce water consumption within the District's service area through the expansion of its rebate program. Specifically, the project objectives are as follows:

1. **Increase Participation:** Expand the current rebate program to accommodate at least a 40% increase in applications over the next year, ensuring that more households and businesses can use water-saving technologies.
2. **Maximize Water Savings:** Encourage the installation of high-efficiency appliances and water-saving landscapes to reduce annual water consumption.
3. **Support Regulatory Compliance:** Assist WVWD in complying with the Making Conservation a California Way of Life regulation by offering residents and businesses practical and affordable incentives to adopt water-efficient technologies, decreasing water demand across the District's service area.

4. **Promote Sustainable Practices:** Foster a long-term culture of water conservation through education and incentives, ensuring that water-efficient practices remain a permanent part of the community lifestyle.

Thank you for your consideration of West Valley Water District's Small-Scale Water Efficiency Grant application. If you have any questions, please contact me directly at (909) 888-5360.

Sincerely,



ELOISE GÓMEZ REYES  
Senator, 29<sup>th</sup> District

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January 13, 2025

The Honorable M. Camille Touton  
Commissioner U.S. Bureau of Reclamation  
1849 C Street, NW Washington, DC 20240-0001

**Subject: Letter of Support for West Valley Water District's WaterSMART Small-Scale Water Efficiency Grant Application**

Dear Commissioner Touton,

I am pleased to express my support for the West Valley Water District's (WVWD) application to the Bureau of Reclamation's WaterSMART Small-Scale Water Efficiency Grant Program. WVWD is requesting \$125,000 to advance water conservation in its service area. This funding is crucial to expanding their efforts to promote sustainable water use and reduce consumption, aligning with California's water conservation goals. WVWD's proposed project focuses on expanding its successful rebate program.

With WaterSMART funding, WVWD aims to:

1. **Increase Participation:** Expand the rebate program to accommodate at least a 40% increase in applications over the next year, enabling more households and businesses to adopt water-saving technologies.
2. **Maximize Water Savings:** Promote the installation of high-efficiency appliances and water-saving landscapes to significantly reduce annual water consumption.
3. **Support Regulatory Compliance:** Help WVWD meet the "Making Conservation a California Way of Life" regulation by offering practical and affordable incentives for adopting water-efficient technologies.
4. **Promote Sustainable Practices:** Nurture a long-term culture of water conservation through education and incentives, ensuring water-efficient practices become a permanent community standard.

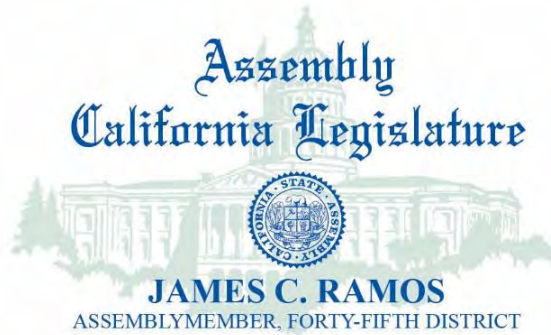
The success of this project will benefit WVWD's service area and serve as a model for other districts implementing similar conservation initiatives.

Thank you for your attention and for your consideration of WVWD's Small-Scale Water Efficiency Grant application. Please do not hesitate to contact my office if you require additional information.

Sincerely,

Assemblymember, Robert Garcia  
Assistant Majority Leader  
California State Assembly, 50th District

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December 17, 2024

The Honorable M. Camille Calimlin Touton

Commissioner

U.S. Bureau of Reclamation

1849 C Street, NW

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**RE: West Valley Water District's Small-Scale Water Efficiency Grant Application**

Dear Commissioner Touton:

I write to express my strong support for West Valley Water District's (WVWD) application for the Bureau of Reclamation's WaterSMART Small-Scale Water Efficiency Grant Program. WVWD is requesting \$125,000 to advance water conservation in its service area.

With increased demand for water efficiency, WVWD wants to expand its existing rebate program promoting water conservation across its community. The District's program currently offers rebates for high-efficiency toilets, washers, smart irrigation controllers, high-efficiency nozzles, and turf replacement. WaterSMART funding will enable WVWD to increase its capacity to provide these valuable incentives to more households and businesses, further supporting California's water conservation goals. The primary goal of this project is to reduce water consumption within the District's service area through the expansion of its rebate program.

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3. **Support Regulatory Compliance:** Assist WVWD in complying with the Making Conservation a California Way of Life regulation by offering residents and businesses practical and affordable incentives to adopt water-efficient technologies, decreasing water demand across the District's service area.

4. **Promote Sustainable Practices:** Foster a long-term culture of water conservation through education and incentives, ensuring that water-efficient practices remain a permanent part of the community lifestyle.

WVWD is dedicated to improving water management through the implementation of its water conservation rebate program. Thank you for your consideration of West Valley Water District's Small-Scale Water Efficiency Grant application. If you have any questions regarding this letter, please reach out to my District Director, Vanessa Brierty at, [vanessa.brierty@asm.ca.gov](mailto:vanessa.brierty@asm.ca.gov)

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James C. Ramos". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

James C. Ramos  
Assemblymember, District 45



# Joe Baca, Jr.

5<sup>th</sup> District Supervisor

January 7, 2025

The Honorable M. Camille Calimlin Touton  
Commissioner  
U.S. Bureau of Reclamation  
1849 C Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20240-0001

RE: West Valley Water District's Small-Scale Water Efficiency Grant Application

Dear Commissioner, Touton:

I write to express my strong support for West Valley Water District's (WVWD) application for the Bureau of Reclamation's WaterSMART Small-Scale Water Efficiency Grant Program. WVWD is requesting \$125,000 to advance water conservation in its service area.

With increased demand for water efficiency, WVWD wants to expand its existing rebate program promoting water conservation across its community. The District's program currently offers rebates for high-efficiency toilets, washers, smart irrigation controllers, high-efficiency nozzles, and turf replacement. WaterSMART funding will enable WVWD to increase its capacity to provide these valuable incentives to more households and businesses, further supporting California's water conservation goals. The primary goal of this project is to reduce water consumption within the District's service area through the expansion of its rebate program.

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3. **Support Regulatory Compliance:** Assist WVWD in complying with the Making Conservation a California Way of Life regulation by offering residents and businesses practical and affordable incentives to adopt water-efficient technologies, decreasing water demand across the District's service area.
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Sincerely,

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Joe Baca, Jr.  
Supervisor, Fifth District  
San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors



December 22, 2024

The Honorable M. Camille Calimlin Touton  
Commissioner  
U.S. Bureau of Reclamation  
1849 C Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20240-0001

RE: West Valley Water District's Small-Scale Water Efficiency Grant Application

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Sincerely,

Jesse Armendarez

San Bernardino County Supervisor, District 2



## EMAIL TRANSMISSION

January 7, 2025

The Honorable M. Camille Calimlim Touton  
Commissioner  
U.S. Bureau of Reclamation  
1849 C Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20240-0001

### **RE: West Valley Water District's Small-Scale Water Efficiency Grant Application**

Dear Commissioner Touton:

San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District (San Bernardino Valley) is committed to working collaboratively to provide a reliable and sustainable water supply to support the changing needs of our region's people and the environment. On behalf of San Bernardino Valley, I am writing to express our support for West Valley Water District's (WVWD) application for the Bureau of Reclamation's WaterSMART Small-Scale Water Efficiency Grant Program to request \$125,000 to advance water conservation in its service area.

San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District is a regional, wholesale water agency that covers 353 square miles in southwestern San Bernardino County and a population of approximately 714,000. It spans the eastern two-thirds of the San Bernardino Valley, including the cities and communities of Bloomington, Colton, Grand Terrace, Highland, Loma Linda, Mentone, Redlands, Rialto, San Bernardino, and Yucaipa. With a dedicated team of experts and partnerships across the region, San Bernardino Valley is committed to building a resilient and sustainable water future for the community.

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San Bernardino Valley continues to see that WVWD is dedicated to improving water management through the implementation of its water conservation rebate program. Thank you for your consideration of its Small-Scale Water Efficiency Grant application.

San Bernardino Valley fully supports WVWD's efforts to implement this water conservation rebate program. If you have questions regarding our support of this project, please contact Kelly Malloy, our Strategic Communications Manager, by email at [kellym@sbvmwd.com](mailto:kellym@sbvmwd.com).

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

Heather Dyer  
Chief Executive Officer/General Manager



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December 19, 2024

The Honorable M. Camille Calimlim Touton  
Commissioner  
U.S. Bureau of Reclamation  
1849 C Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20240-0001

RE: West Valley Water District's Small-Scale Water Efficiency Grant Application

Dear Commissioner Touton:

The Inland Empire Utilities Agency (IEUA/Agency) is pleased to write a letter in support of West Valley Water District's (WVWD) application for the Bureau of Reclamation's WaterSMART Small-Scale Water Efficiency Grant Program. WVWD is requesting \$125,000 to advance water conservation in its service area.

IEUA serves approximately 935,000 residents in western San Bernardino County and is proud of our reputation of promoting greater water supply reliability through significant contributions to a diverse regional water supply portfolio, including water from stormwater capture, recycling and reuse, and imported water supplies. The Agency continues to be fully committed to ensuring long-term success for the region by leading the way in water resource management, environmental sustainability, and providing essential sanitation services in a regionally planned and cost-effective manner while safeguarding public health and promoting economic development.

As a testament to our commitment and the strong partnership between IEUA and WVWD, IEUA is proud to support West Valley Water District's (WVWD) application for the Bureau of Reclamation's WaterSMART Small-Scale Water Efficiency Grant Program. With increased demand for water efficiency, WVWD seeks to expand its existing rebate program promoting water conservation across its community. WVWD's program currently offers rebates for high-efficiency toilets, washers, smart irrigation controllers, high-efficiency nozzles, and turf replacement. WaterSMART funding will enable WVWD to increase its capacity to provide these valuable incentives to more households and businesses, further supporting California's water conservation goals. The primary goal of this project is to reduce water consumption within their service area through the expansion of its rebate program.

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**Michael Camacho**  
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**Paul Hofer**  
Director

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General Manager

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December 19, 2024  
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Sincerely,  
INLAND EMPIRE UTILITIES AGENCY

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Shivaji Deshmukh, P.E.  
General Manager



# City of Rialto California

1/8/2025

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Mayor Joe Baca



December 18, 2024

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ACQUANETTA WARREN  
Mayor of the City of Fontana



12/18/2024

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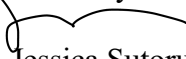
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Jessica Sutorus  
City of Colton  
Environmental Conservation Supervisor

## Section 2 – Project Budget

The complete AMI Project Budget includes a Funding Plan and Letters of Commitment, Budget Proposal, Budget Narrative, and the SF 424 Budget Form.

### 2.1 Funding Plan and Letters of Commitment

#### Non-Federal Share of Project Costs:

WWWD will fund the entirety of the cost share that is not covered by the USBR Small-scale grant. Part of this funding is provided for conservation efforts through the District’s wholesaler, San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District. These funds result from the District reducing the demand on local supplies and taking steps to ensure resiliency of existing supplies.

#### Cost Share Contribution:

WWWD has budgeted \$50,000 for FY24-25 and will budget \$50,000 for FY25-26, totaling \$100,000 as a cost share, covering the entirety of the cost share for the life of the program. The District’s programs/rebates are included in the District’s budget under section 100-5720-537-5503. TABLE XX identifies the source of funding for the program.

**TABLE 2 Program Cost**

SOURCE OF FUNDING	AMOUNT OF FUNDING
USBR Small-Scale	\$125,000
WWWD Cost-Share Contribution	\$100,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$225,000</b>

#### Any Third-Party In-Kind Costs:

WWWD will not utilize any third-party in-kind costs.

#### Funding Partners and Letters of Commitment:

WWWD has no funding partners for this program.

#### Funding Requests from other Non-Federal Entities:

None.

#### Pending Funding Requests:

WWWD has no other funding requests for this program.

#### Any Costs Incurred Prior to Award:

To date, in fiscal year 24-25, WWD has paid over \$13,000 in rebates to customers through the Water Use Efficiency program and the District has seen interest in the program grow among commercial customers throughout the District, seeking to identify opportunities to save on costs when complying with state non-functional turf law.

## 2.2 Budget Proposal

In the budget detail and narrative section, applicants should describe and justify requested budget items and costs. Applicants should provide details to support the SF-424A, “Object Class” categories or the SF-424C, “Cost Classification” categories. The budget narrative must clearly identify all items of cost (total estimated project cost), including those contributed as non-Federal cost share by the applicant (required and voluntary), third-party in-kind contributions, and those covered using the funding requested from Reclamation, and any requested pre-award costs.

The total project cost is the sum of all allowable items of costs, including all required cost sharing and voluntary committed cost sharing, including third-party contributions necessary to complete the project. Applicants must include detailed descriptions of all cost justifications (see Reclamation’s suggested format in Attachment B for more detail). Costs, including the valuation of third-party in-kind contributions, must comply with the applicable cost principles contained in 2 CFR, §200.

## 2.3 Budget Narrative

### Salary and Wages

### Fringe Benefits

The program cost does not include fringe benefits.

### Equipment

No equipment is required for the project.

### Outreach Campaign

### Contracted Services

Each applicant who would like to participate in the rebate program will be required to fill out an application. Customers whose applications are approved will be reimbursed, depending on the type of application. Qualifying water-saving devices will be reimbursed through the customer’s bill, while turf rebates will be reimbursed through a written check.