

**City Council Regular Meeting  
AGENDA ITEM**

NUMBER: 6

**SUBJECT:**

Amended and Restated Interlocal Agreement with Southern Nevada Water Authority for Water Smart Landscapes Projects in Multiple Parks and Street Medians Throughout the City; and Authorize the City Manager to Execute Conservation Easements as Applicable and Accept Incentive Payments for Each Project from the Southern Nevada Water Authority. (Citywide) (For Possible Action; Recommendation – Approve and Authorize)

**REQUESTED BY:**

Cass Palmer, Director of Neighborhood & Leisure Services

**WARD:**

(Citywide)

**RECOMMENDATION OR RECOMMEND MOTION:**

Approve the Amended and Restated Interlocal Agreement with Southern Nevada Water Authority for Water Smart Landscapes Projects in multiple parks and street medians throughout the City and authorize the City Manager to execute and deliver any and all ancillary documents, including conservation easements, as applicable, and to accept the incentive payments for each project.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

**ACCOUNT NUMBER:**

N/A

**STAFF COMMENTS AND BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

At its meeting on July 7, 2021, City Council approved an Interlocal Agreement with Southern Nevada Water Authority (SNWA) for Water Smart Landscapes Projects (2021 Agreement). The City completed some of the turf conversion projects under the 2021 Agreement. The proposed Amended and Restated Interlocal Agreement with SNWA (2023 Agreement) would allow the City to collect incentive payments for the conversion of turf to drought-tolerant landscaping in various parks throughout the City through SNWA's Water Smart Landscapes Program (Program) to reduce the demand for water resources. The 2023 Agreement contains some of the turf conversion projects detailed in the 2021 Agreement and adds additional projects. The areas identified as potential project areas are included in the Agreement. In total, the 2023 Agreement details 28 turf conversion projects for the City to complete on or before January 1, 2027. Under SNWA's Program, the City could potentially receive approximately \$3,633,394 in incentive payments for the turf conversion projects detailed in the 2023 Agreement.

SNWA has conducted a pre-conversion site review to determine adequacy of the sites for the Program. The incentive payments will be provided to the City after Conservation Easements over the subject converted areas are executed by the City and recorded with the Clark County Recorder's Office by SNWA.

Staff believes that the conversion will promote the region's water conservation efforts while still ensuring that there are sufficient turf areas at the affected parks to meet the needs of the community.

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Related Item:

LIST CITY COUNCIL GOAL(S): Safe and Livable Community		
PREPARED BY:	Respectfully Submitted	MEETING DATE:
Cass Palmer, Director of Neighborhood & Leisure Services	Ryann Juden, City Manager	August 16, 2023