

Water Conservation Program FY17 2nd Qtr Update

Resource Management Commission

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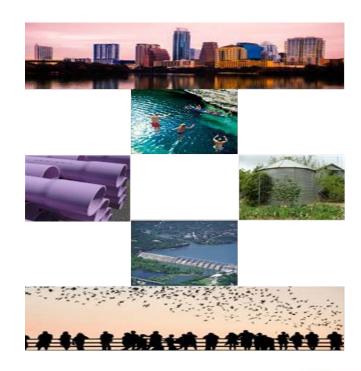
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Overview

- Water Forward
- New Code Changes
- Dropcountr
- AMI



Demand Management Scoring

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Rank	Measure Name	Weighted Score
1	Landscape Transformation - Ordinances	21
2	Automated Metering Infrastructure (AMI)	19
3	Water Loss Control Utility Side	16
4	Landscape Transformation - Incentives	16
5	Irrigation Efficiency - Incentives	15
6	CII Ordinances - Cooling Towers and Steam Boilers	15
7	Alternative Water – Ordinances*	14
8	Development-focused Water Use Estimates/ Benchmarking - Plan Submittal	14
9	Alternative Water –Incentives*	13
10	Alternative Water Incentives – Graywater, Blackwater*	10

^{*}Alternative water measures are being characterized separately with geospatial modeling



Screening Criteria

- Savings = Water Savings over 100 years
 (1 = low potential; 5 = significant potential)
 - Note: Water Savings given double weight in overall scoring
- Cost/Benefit = Relative Expected Cost to Implement/Avoided Costs (1 = significant expense; 5 = minimal)
- Implementation = Relative Ease to Implement
 (1 = extremely difficult, many hurdles; 5 = easy, no additional staff or resources required)
- Climate Resiliency = Reliable water source, even during extreme drought
 (1 = subject to interruption in most years; 5 = reliable even during DOR and climate impacted theoretical DOR)

Avoided Costs



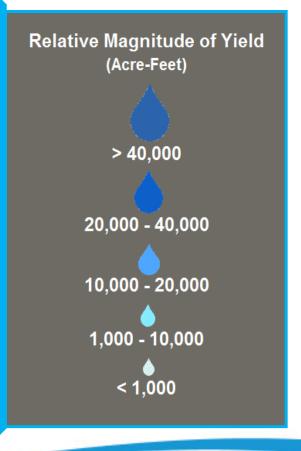
- Water Treatment Variable Cost includes electrical and chemical treatment cost at water treatment plants
- Wastewater Treatment Variable Cost includes electrical and chemical costs at each treatment plant and lift station
- Payment to LCRA on the remainder amount under the 1999 water supply agreement when average use in two consecutive years is above 201,000 AF
- New Water Supply Cost will be determined after water supply options/costs are identified. Cost also includes transactional costs (permitting, contractual), conveyance and treatment/distribution costs.
- For some measures, additional "Other" avoided costs were identified from both the utility and customer perspective

MARGINAL TREATMENT COSTS (\$/KGAL)		
Water Treatment Variable Cost	\$0.46	
Wastewater Treatment Variable Cost	\$0.26	





Measure Name	Yield Potential 2115
Landscape Transformation Ordinance	
Benchmarking	
AMI	
Water Loss Control – Utility	
Landscape Transformation Incentives	•
Irrigation Efficiency Incentives	•
CII Ordinance for Cooling Towers	

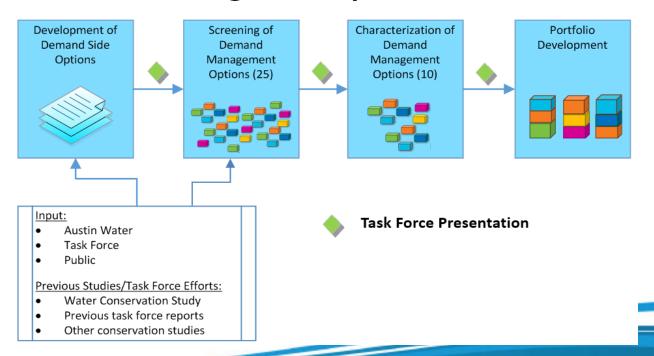


Next Steps

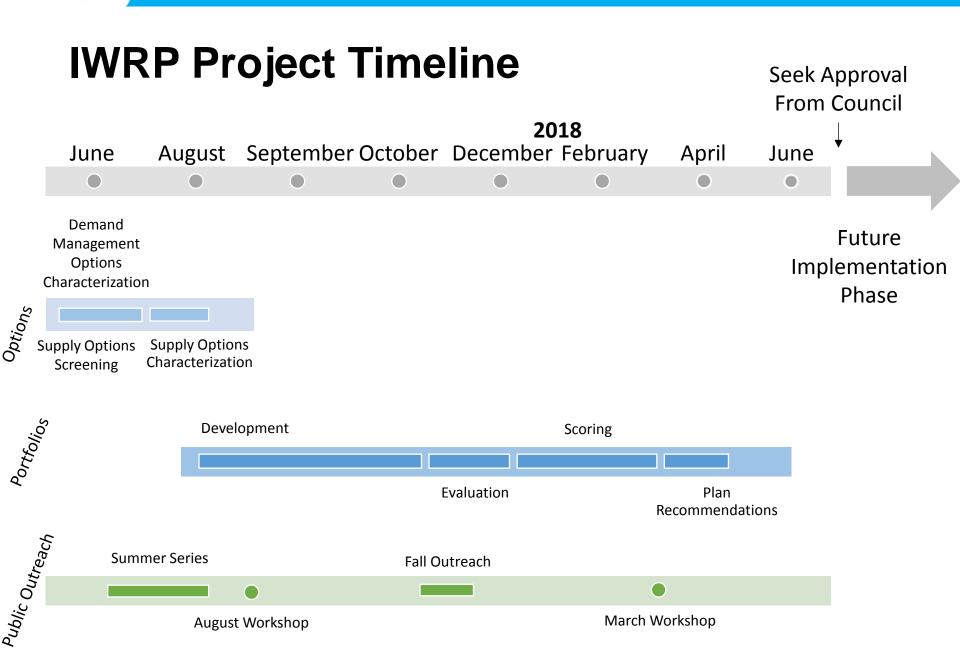


- Detailed characterization information presented at July meeting
- Development of IWRP portfolios that combines conservation measures with water supply options consistent with the portfolio theme

Demand Management Options Process





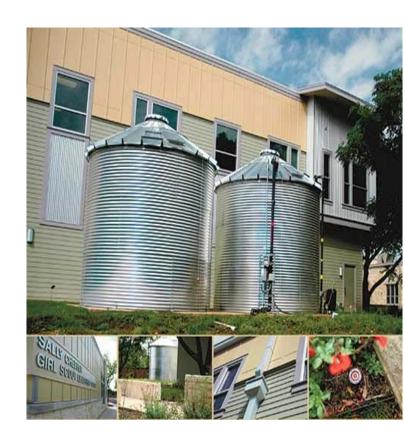


Adoption of 2015 Uniform Plumbing and Mechanical Codes with Local Amendments

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- A/C condensate recovery new development
- All cooling towers must meet efficiency standards, equipment and inspection and reporting requirements
- Steam boilers must have conductivity controllers



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- Over 15,000 signed up
- 9% aggregate water savings; 17% savings among top quintile water users
- Over 41 million gallons saved in 1st year
- Increased customer engagement, "Conservation Conversation"
- Avoided \$250,000 in paper/postage costs



Spanish language version now being offered



What's Next

- AMI pilot study
 - Cost and technical feasibility study
 - Up to 180 smart meter participants with near real time water use data and leak alerts
- RFP for native mobile app reports for all residential customers
- Explore possibility of ICI/MF portals











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