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# Taking the "if" out of Verification for Custom Water Efficiency Projects

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#### **Metropolitan Water District Service Area**

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26 Member Agencies

Regional water wholesaler to 6 counties, 19 million people Over 5,200 sq mi Growth: >100,000 people/yr \$1 trillion regional economy ~50% of region's retail water supply Sources of Water for Southern California

Sierra Nevada Mtns / Lake Oroville

LA Aqueduct (Local)

State Water Project ~30%

Delta

Aqueduct

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Local

~50%

Colorado River Aqueduct Colorado River Aqueduct ~20%

### **Water Savings Incentive Program (WSIP)**

- Program start: Sep 2012
- "Pay for performance"
- Goals:
  - Reach out to non-residential water users
  - Incentives for custom projects
  - Encourage long-term water management as a standard business practice



# **Eligible Projects**

- Retrofit existing equipment
- Improve processes
- Improve agriculture & landscape irrigation systems
- Contract for water management services



#### Incentives

- Up to \$0.60 / 1,000 gal saved per year (up to 10 yrs)
- Limited to 50% of eligible project costs
- Payments are phased
  - Final payment may be adjusted per monitored results
  - Some projects may qualify for single payment based on detailed engineering plans





# **WSIP Eligible Costs**

- Directly pertain to project installation or water management services
  - Audit, engineering, software, hardware
  - construction, equipment, materials (incl plants),
  - freight shipping, 3rd party labor, contract water management services
- Ineligible costs:
  - Customer's direct labor
  - Sales tax
  - Permitting
  - Environmental compliance
  - Land acquisition



# Large Landscape Project

Project	Replacement & upgrade of entire irrigation system, including "smart" irrigation controllers, drip and high- efficiency sprays, flow sensors, rain sensors, master valves, & lateral lines ~16.6 Acres irrigated area
Estimated water savings	213M gallons over 10 years
Potential incentive	\$141,069





### Large Landscape Project Weather Normalization



#### https://cimis.water.ca.gov/Default.aspx

CIMIS	Monthly Av	verage ETc	o Repo	rt											
Rende	red in ENG	LISH Units	. Prin	ted on	Thurs	day, Ju	ine 02,	2016							
Averag	ge ETo Valu	es by Stati	on												
Stn Id	Stn Name	CIMIS Region	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
			(in)	(in)	(in)	(in)	(in)	(in)	(in)	(in)	(in)	(in)	(in)	(in)	(in)
159	Monrovia	LAB	2.19	2.42	3.76	4.37	5.18	5.75	6.33	6.26	4.88	3.4	2.42	1.92	48.9

# Large Landscape Project Weather Normalization

CIMIS Monthly Report Rendered in ENGLISH Units. January 2011 - May 2016 Printed on Thursday, June 02, 2016

(You'll need to create an account for this data [it's free])

#### Monrovia - Los Angeles Basin - Station 159

Month	Total	Total	Avg Sol	Avg Vap	Avg Max	Avg Min	Avg Air	Avg Max	Avg Min	Avg Rel	Avg Dew	Avg Wind	Avg Soil
Vear	ETo	Precip	Rad	Pres	Air Temp	Air Temp	Temp	Rel Hum	Rel Hum	Hum	Point	Speed	Temp
icai	(in)	(in)	(Ly/day)	(mBars)	(°F)	(°F)	(°F)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(°F)	(mph)	(°F)
Jan-11	2.02	0.88	197	8	69.7	45.4	56.2	75	30	53	38	2.8	54.8
Feb-11	2.14	4.45	260	7.8	64.8	41	52.1	82	35	59	37.3	3.2	55.4
Mar-11	2.72	3.31	284	10.3	69.5	46.5	57.1	88	41	65	45	3.2	59.8
Apr-11	4.07	0.07	421	11.1	72.5	50.3	61.2	83	42	61	46.7	3.5	64.8
May-11	4.97	0.45	464	11	75.1	51.5	62.5	80	39	59	47	3.7	68
Jun-11	5.15	0.02	496	14.5	79.1	56.1	66.1	86	45	66	54.2	3.7	72.1
Jul-11	6.31	0	535	16.7	87.4	61.8	73.1	83	40	60	58.3	3.8	78.2
Aug-11	6.23	0	521	16.6	89.9	61	73.4	84	37	60	58.2	3.6	77.2
Sep-11	4.4	0.01	404	16.4	86.5	60	70.7	85	42	65	57.9	3.4	73.1
Oct-11	3.65	1.39	338	12.5	80.8	54.5	65.9	81	37	58	49.6	3	66.7
Nov-11	2.12	1.58	231	9.4	70	46.7	57.1	82	37	60	42.2	2.9	58.3
Dec-11	2.23	1.11	225	6.4	66.6	41.8	52.9	71	27	47	31.7	3.1	53.7

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	Month - Year	Consumption	Actual ETo	Precip
	Jan-Feb 12	13,065	5.13	1.89
3-Yr Prior	Mar-Apr 12	13,996	8.29	4.32
Period	May-Jun 12	30,954	11.88	0.33
	Jul-Aug 12	36,531	12.90	0.06
	Sep-Oct 12	30,797	8.89	0.33
	Nov-Dec 12	15,420	3.60	9.74
	Jan-Feb 13	11,647	4.93	1.91
	Mar-Apr 13	18,031	8.11	0.77
2-Yr Prior	May-Jun 13	26,003	10.06	0.44
Period	Jul-Aug 13	37,444	10.93	0.00
	Sep-Oct 13	29,054	8.01	0.15
	Nov-Dec 13	12,622	4.20	1.19
	Jan-Feb 14	17,858	4.86	3.02
	Mar-Apr 14	21,081	8.55	2.19
1-Yr Prior	May-Jun 14	38,217	11.18	0.00
Period	Jul-Aug 14	39,393	11.61	0.00
	Sep-Oct 14	27,489	8.53	0.23
	Nov-Dec 14	9,133	3.99	6.75
	Jan-Feb 15	13,700	4.70	2.75
	Mar-Apr 15	18,654	9.02	0.94
Monitoring	May-Jun 15	22,985	8.81	0.93
Period	Jul-Aug 15	22,126	13.13	0.35
	Sep-Oct 15	15,276	8.51	1.24
	Nov-Dec 15	8,253	5.13	0.21

#### ((act ETo-(0.25\*precip))/avg ETo)-1

Adjustment Factors					
Month	Long-Term	3-Yr Prior	2-Yr Prior	1-Yr Prior	Monitored
Wonth	Avg ETo	ETo Adjust	ETo Adjust	ETo Adjust	ETo Adjust
Jan-Feb	4.61	0.0103	-0.03	-0.11	-0.13
Mar-Apr	8.13	-0.11	-0.03	-0.02	0.08
May-Jun	10.93	0.08	-0.09	0.02	-0.22
Jul-Aug	12.59	0.02	-0.13	-0.08	0.04
Sep-Oct	8.28	0.06	-0.04	0.02	-0.01
Nov-Dec	4.34	-0.73	-0.10	-0.47	0.17
Total ETo (in)	48.88	-0.05	-0.08	-0.07	-0.02

#### Steps:

- **1.** Add *effective precipitation* to Avg ETo
- 2. Compare to monthly actual ET (ratio or adjustment factor)
- 3. Apply adjustment to actual use
- 4. Compare adjusted monitored to adjusted baseline

### Large Landscape

Adjusted Use						
	<b>3-Yr Prior</b>	2-Yr Prior	1-Yr Prior	Monitored	Monitored	3-Yr Avg
Month	Adjusted	Adjusted	Adjusted	Adjusted	Unadjusted	Adjusted
	Use	Use	Use	Use	Use	Use
Jan-Feb	12,930	12,045	19,814	15,476	13,700	14,930
Mar-Apr	15,580	18,502	21,412	17,151	18,654	18,498
May-Jun	28,497	28,334	37,343	27,932	22,985	31,392
Jul-Aug	35,675	42,381	42,459	21,331	22,126	40,172
Sep-Oct	28,835	30,133	26,850	15,424	15,276	28,606
Nov-Dec	26,701	13,894	13,421	6,851	8,253	18,005
Total	148,218	145,290	161,299	104,164	100,994	151,602
		Rela	tive Change	-31.29%	Territor.	

47,400 HCF / ~35M gallons of water annual savings Un-Adjusted savings: -29.3% = undercount (~\$25K swing)

# **Large Commercial Laundry**

Project	Install wastewater treatment and recycling system to re-use up to 75% of process water
Final Project Cost:	\$1,080,000
Calculated water savings	196M gallons over 10 years (~40% reduction)
Paid incentive	\$119,400
Project unit \$/AF	\$198 /AF



Also replaced older washers with larger "tunnel" washer, increasing wash capacity

## **Large Commercial Laundry**

#### **Excellent example of monitoring and data gathering:**

WATER 1 GAL	WATER 2 GAL	TOTAL GALS	WATER COST
WW GAL	WW COST	ELECT 10KWH	KWH'S USED
ELECT COST	GAS #1 Boiler Therms	<b>BLR THRMS</b>	BLR GAS COST
AS #2 Dryer Therms	DRYER THERMS	DRYER GAS COST	BILLED LBS

DATE	WATER 1 GAL	WATER 2 GAL	TOTAL GALS	BILLED LBS	Gal Per LB
1/1/2015	24123	5677	83,776	99,742	0.84
1/2/2015	24224	5686	82,280	116,050	0.71
1/3/2015	24336	5695	90,508	81,898	1.11
1/4/2015	24453	5704	94,248	90,919	1.04
1/5/2015	24554	5713	82,280	134,698	0.61
1/6/2015	24665	5722	89,760	123,284	0.73
1/7/2015	24780	5731	92,752	131,145	0.71

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#### **Large Commercial Laundry**

#### Commercial Laundry Water Use & Pounds Processed



# **Industrial Chemical Manufacturing**

Project	Install equipment to capture and treat RO reject from the existing primary RO units; return recovered permeate to the primary RO feed
Final Project Cost:	~\$450,000 (Management)
Calculated water savings	450M gallons over 10 years (~14% reduction)
Paid incentive	\$242,800
Project unit \$/AF	\$177 /AF



# **Industrial Chemical Manufacturing**



H2 Process Water Requirement drives the system

# **Industrial Chemical Manufacturing**



Project	Replace old trees with new on "high density" planting (10'x10'); install new irrig. Equip. and soil moisture sensors
Final Project Cost:	\$425,000
Calculated water savings	345M gallons over 10 years
Paid incentive	\$238,814 (contract max)
Project unit \$/AF	??





- "High density planting"
- Plant on 10ft X 10ft spacing
- Reduced water use
  - Smaller watering footprints
  - Reduced loss to deep percolation
  - Inhibited weed growth
  - Reduced ET loss through overgrown canopies



#### Challenges

- New techniques/management
- Difficult to establish baseline
  - Changes in grove management
  - Older 20'x20' spacing is well documented, HD not so much

#### **Phased implementation**

- Stopped watering some portions
- Planting new trees in phases over 10 years
- Different water requirements for different aged trees
- Weather normalization also

#### **Procedure:**

- Baseline established from actual use records
- Assume 50% of savings from HD planting, and 50% from irrigation equipment
  - Avocadosource.com for irrig data
  - HD Irrigation need assumed to be about 40% of normal spacing requirement
- Multiple inspections
  - Following planting plan?
  - Equipment installation?
- Time will tell...



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