



# **Metropolitan Water District's Colorado River Municipal Conservation Memorandum of Understanding**

Public Works Commission

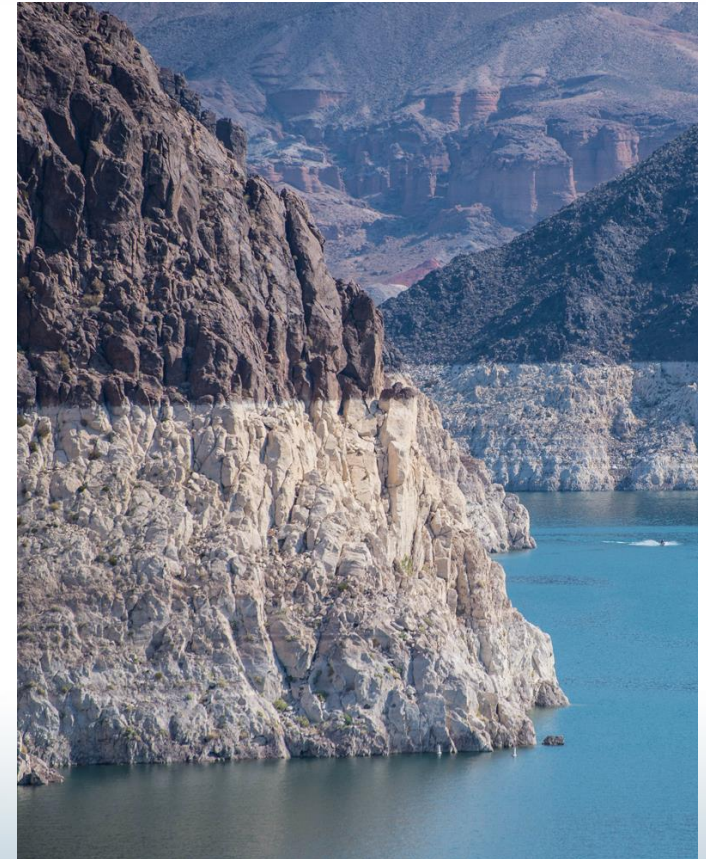
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# Background

- Aug. 24, 2022, MWD signed an MOU with 6 other agencies
- Purpose of MOU
  - basin-wide collaboration
  - commitment to reduce reliance on Colorado River
- MWD is requesting BH sign on to the MOU





# MOU Highlights

1. Continue and expand water use efficiency programs.
2. Replace non-functional turf grass with drought and climate-resilient landscaping.
3. Increase water reuse and recycling programs.
4. Implement best practices and sharing lessons.
5. Collaborate with other water users in the Colorado River basin.



# Non-functional Turf Ordinance

- October 11, 2022, MWD adopted a resolution recommending cities/water agencies pass ordinances permanently prohibiting the installation and irrigation of non-functional turf.
- MWD provided a draft ordinance for consideration



# Draft Ordinance Considerations

- Clear Definition of non-functional turf
  - State - Turf that is solely ornamental and not regularly used for human recreational purposes or for civic or community events and has only been applied to Commercial, Institutional and Industrial.
- Exemptions for historical and/or public properties
- Penalties and enforcement
- Modifications to existing municipal codes
  - Coordination with Community Development



# Recommendation

- PWC to consider joining MWD MOU and provide a recommendation to the City Council to consider adopting an ordinance restricting non-functional turf.