

# Funding Agreement with Sonoma Water

Board of Public Utilities Meeting  
November 1, 2018



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# Background - Green Exchange

- Started 2007
- Incentive to reduce landscape water needs
  - Irrigation efficiency upgrades
  - Cash for grass



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- Rebates of \$0.50/ sq. ft. of turf removed and replaced with low water use landscaping
- The City has removed more than 3.5 million sq. ft. of turf
- 1.4 million removed since 2014
- Estimated annual water savings **25 million gallons** (60 mg for the whole program)



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# Overview - Opportunity

- State Grant funds awarded to Sonoma Water for Northern Sonoma County
- Funds not spent in Northern Sonoma County
- Funds now available retroactive to 2014
- City would need to enter into funding agreement with Sonoma Water



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# Overview –Grant Terms

- Grant provides \$0.375 per sq. ft.
- Grant provides \$116,250 funds for the City
- City has already rebated more than the available grant funds and expects to be reimbursed for the full amount



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# Staff recommendation

- Approve the funding agreement to be a part of the Northern Sonoma County Water Conservation Grant Program



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# Questions

