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Carmichael



RECREATION AND  
PARK DISTRICT

**To:** CRPD Advisory Board of Directors  
**From:** Mike Blondino, District Administrator  
**Date:** April 21, 2022  
**Subject:** Carmichael Recreation and Park District support for WaterSMART Grant

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***Background/Discussion:***

Carmichael Water District (CWD) is applying for the WaterSMART grant this year. CWD staff approached Carmichael Recreation and Park District (CPRD) staff about endorsing their application. Funds from the WaterSMART grant would support residential and commercial customers' removal of passive turf and replacement with drought tolerant plants and drip irrigation.

CWD is looking for letters of support from the community for their grant application. As their largest customer, they would like CRPD to be part of the submittal.

There is no guarantee that CRPD will be a recipient of the grant money for supporting the CWD effort. Since one of the CRPD's FY 2022-23 Work Plan Key Initiatives is to work with partners on exploring new ways to be sustainable in our daily practices, this is an excellent opportunity to do that.

***Financial Analysis:***

CRPD would be able to apply for a grant from CWD to remove passive turf and re-landscape with plantings that would be a great example to the community and more importantly reduce our water use and cost.

***Recommendation:***

The Advisory Board of Directors approve the Advisory Board Chair and District Administrator signing the letter of support for WaterSMART grant.



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Date: April 21, 2022  
To: Cathy Lee, General Manager  
Subject: Carmichael Recreation and Park District support for WaterSMART Grant

Dear Ms. Lee,

On behalf of the Carmichael Recreation and Park District (CRPD), we wanted you and the Board at the Carmichael Water District to know that we are fully supportive of the application you will be submitting for the WaterSMART grant.

Over the last several years CRPD has taken the use of water to another level of conservation. We track our monthly use by park and have worked to be more sustainable when it comes to our landscaping projects. In our FY 2021-22 Work Plan, one of the milestones in our Key Initiatives is to “Work with partners on exploring new ways to be sustainable in our daily practices”. Supporting the Carmichael Water District in your grant application is a way to do just that!

The CRPD is committed to maintaining safe and playable turf areas in our 13 parks, while also working to relandscape underutilized passive turf areas to save water. At our April 2022 meeting, the information above was discussed and our Advisory Board of Directors is supportive of the Carmichael Water District’s application for the WaterSMART grant. We look forward to partnering with you and participating in the funding opportunities once you receive the grant.

Sincerely,

Mike Blondino  
District Administrator  
Carmichael Recreation and Park District

Joyce Carroll  
Chair, Advisory Board of Directors  
Carmichael Recreation and Park District