### PALO VERDE IRRIGATION DISTRICT / METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT





## "Accelerating the future of the Palo Verde Valley, now; building a collaborative and sustainable community with targeted investments."

## **Community Member Solicitation**

The Palo Verde Irrigation District (PVID) and the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (MWD) are excited to announce the formation of a new partnership to provide funds to generate short- and long-term economic impacts and social benefits within PVID's service area.

Designated board members from PVID and MWD, the Community Enhancement Collaborative (CEC), have been working together for several months to develop the framework for effective administration of these funds. They are seeking *two community representatives* at large from the Palo Verde Valley to serve on a Community Advisory Committee (CAC), alongside five other designated representatives from the City of Blythe, Chamber of Commerce, Palo Verde College, Palo Verde Hospital, and Palo Verde Unified School District.

Under the discretion of the CEC, the CAC will be tasked with providing local knowledge and insight for the evaluation of prospective projects before final funding decisions are made by PVID/MWD Board Representatives. It is anticipated that over \$8 million will be available for direct investment in PVID's service area.

Successfully selected representatives will collectively participate with other CAC representatives to utilize their expertise in evaluating prospective applications for funding. The role of each representative will not be as an advocate for a specific group or demographic, but rather, to leverage the group's local expertise to ensure funds are spent in a way to generate short- and long-term economic impacts and social benefits. CAC members will also be asked to serve as ambassadors to local organizations, businesses and individuals to spread the word about this new funding partnership.

If you are interested in applying for this service opportunity, please visit www.pvid.org for an application or pick up one in person at the PVID Offices located at 180 West 14th Ave., Blythe, California, 92225. Completed applications are due March 10, 2025. Please review the CAC Application for additional information.

# Application: *Community Advisory Committee* Accelerated Funding for the Palo Verde Valley

Name:
Home Address:
Telephone:
Email:
Occupation:
I am applying to be on the Community Advisory Committee because:
My qualifications/expertise for this position include (Please list any relevant skills, activities or training not otherwise in your resume):

Please list any memberships or associations:				

Please include a resume of past education and/or experience.

For questions regarding the completion of this application, or to confirm receipt of your application, please email Jason Rollo and/or Ned Hyduke. Contact information below.

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### **Community Advisory Committee**

#### **Member Terms & Agreement**

The Community Advisory Committee (CAC) will be tasked with providing their specialized assessment of projects submitted for funding. Please be advised that this is a pilot program and the time commitment, especially at the beginning of the Program's implementation, may be great, as policies and procedures of the CAC are developed.

Projects should advance the joint goal of the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (MWD) and the Palo Verde Irrigation District (PVID) to provide targeted funding that improves the quality of life for all members of the PVID service area.

Upon finalization of the CAC membership, an organizational meeting will be held to discuss bylaws and elect a chair. Members serve at the discretion of the Community Enhancement Collaborative (CEC), composed of Board of Directors from MWD and PVID and must agree to abide by the following membership terms:

- Hold meetings in a timely manner to review new applications for funding (based on a schedule to be set at the organizational meeting).
- Actively participate in each convened meeting of the CAC from beginning to adjournment.
- Prepare for each meeting by reviewing materials provided in advance.
- Engage in discussions that are respectful of divergent perspectives, ideas and experiences.
- Work to achieve consensus on recommendations of the CAC.
- Facilitate communication between community representatives and the CAC.
- Gather input from the local community and/or other group affiliations regarding needs and priorities for the CAC.
- Be cognizant of groups and other interests that are not represented on the CAC and seek their counsel.

By signing this document, I acknowledge that I have read and understand the above purpose and membership terms of the CAC. If selected for membership to this Committee, I agree to abide by the above membership terms.

Applicant Signature:	Date:	