

March 23, 2022

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Governing Board Communication

**TO: MERA Governing Board**

**FROM: Mary Morris-Mayorga, Interim Executive Officer**

**SUBJECT: PROPOSED PRELIMINARY FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023 MERA OPERATING BUDGET FOR DISTRIBUTION TO MEMBER AGENCIES**

Recommended Action

Receive and file the Proposed Preliminary MERA Fiscal Year 2022-23 Operating Budget as reviewed by the Finance Committee and Executive Board on March 9, 2022.

Background

The Proposed Preliminary Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2022-23 was reviewed by the Finance Committee and Executive Board on March 9, 2022. Feedback from those meetings has been incorporated, including:

- listing of the \$225,000 conversion of debt service to a line item within the operating budget for capital replacement funding; and
- refining annual lease amount for several sites and one-time fee for MCOE.

The Proposed Preliminary MERA Fiscal Year 2022-23 Operating Budget as updated as been distributed to the Finance Committee, Executive Board, and Member Agencies. The final step in the budget process is the Public Hearing scheduled for May 11, 2022.

Fiscal Impact

Total Member Contributions of \$2,711,700 (total budget less interest income) represents an increase of approximately 4%.

Attachment: Proposed Preliminary Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2022-23