



May 23, 2019

TO: LOCSO Board of Directors
FFOM: Renee Osborne, General Manager
SUBJECT: **Agenda Item 11K – 6/6/2019 Board Meeting**
Approve the Implementation of a District Water Conservation Rebate Program

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DESCRIPTION

Discussion/recommendation of use of District's Water Conservation Reserves for District Rebate Program

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

This item will be approved along with the Consent Calendar unless it is pulled by a Director for separate consideration. If so, Staff recommends that the Board adopt the following motion:

Motion: I move that the Board implement a water conservation rebate program and approve the allocation of \$10,000 from the Water Conservation Reserves for the 2019/2020 Fiscal Year and direct staff to engage with the County and Golden State Water Company on a consolidated program.

DISCUSSION

The District has \$50,000 in the Water Conservation Reserve account. It has been the intention of the District to create a rebate program for District water consumers. Attached is the second draft of the recommended items for rebate along with the rebate amounts. The rebate amounts suggested are based on a price range of items and comparable to current Golden State Water County and County Rebate Programs.

Program Guidelines

All rebate form requests must be accompanied by a receipt dated no earlier than June 1, 2019. Contractor installation receipt may be required for some items. Once a particular item is rebated to that home, no other rebates will be allowed for that item. Monthly, we will send the County our customer rebate requests in order to avoid "double dipping" from residents. After speaking with the County, logistically it is better for them to gather and crosscheck all rebate/retrofit information. Once the rebate request is confirmed that it is not a duplicate request, the District can then issue a rebate.

Items for Rebate

High Efficiency (H.E.) washing machines (front loading) are the most water efficient washing machines. H.E. machines vary in price from \$500 to \$1200. At the Utilities Advisory Committee meeting (UAC), it was determined that rebates would only be given to H.E. machines with a water factor of 4.0 or lower.

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The County uses the Consortium for Energy Efficiency (CEE) product list to determine if the washing machine qualifies as a water efficient machine. The District would refer the customers seeking rebates to the CEE website.

Staff requests the washing machine rebate at \$200 limiting the rebate to only CEE listed washing machines with a water factor of 4.0 or lower.

Per the County, all residents should have a minimum of a 1.6 flow toilet to date. Most residents already had 1.6 flow toilets; some switched to 1.28 flow toilets and a few stayed with the 1.6 flow. The District could see some residents that would like to switch to 1.2 or even lower. Depending on whether you are purchasing a single, double or triple flush system, prices ranged from \$90 to \$400. The UAC determined that rebates would only be given to customers that were switching from a 1.6 toilet to a 1.0 flow toilet or lower.

Staff is requesting a 50% of receipt price rebate not to exceed \$100 for customers that are switching from a 1.6 toilet to a 1.0 flow toilet or lower.

In addition, staff would like to add the "Hot Water Recirculation System" as part of the District's rebate program. The "on demand/point of use" tank-less water heater is installed directly to a fixture and only works on that fixture, whereas, the Hot Water Recirculation System is a plumbing system that moves hot water to fixtures quickly without waiting for the water to get hot. Rather than relying on low water pressure, common in most water lines, recirculating systems rapidly move water from a water heater to the fixtures. In some cases a plumber is needed to install this system. Additional plumbing will be required in order to support the system. These systems range from \$200 to \$500.

Staff is suggesting a 50% rebate from receipt price, rebate not to exceed \$250.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Staff is recommending \$10,000 to be used in the first round of the rebate program. The District has \$50,000 in conservation reserves.

Attachments:

LOCSD Rebate Form

LO/BP Chamber of Commerce Conservation Program Flyers

LOS OSOS COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT
2019 CONSERVATION REBATE PROGRAM

Toilet: 1.0 flow or lower

Rebate Amount: 50% of receipt price not to exceed \$100

Rebate only for customers reducing from 1.6 to 1.0.

Limit 2 toilet rebates per household.

Clothes Washer: Washer must be listed on the Consortium for Energy Efficiency (CEE) product list (www.CEE1.org).

Rebate Amount: \$200

Clothes washer must have at least a water factor of 4.0 or less to be eligible for rebate.

On Demand/Point of Use Tank-less Water Heater: Gas or Electric

Rebate Amount: \$200

Hot Water Recirculation System: Any System

Rebate Amount: 50% of receipt price not to exceed \$250

Rain Catchment:

Rebate Amount: 50% of receipt price not to exceed \$100

FREE DISTRICT ITEMS

Showerheads

Shower Wands

Kitchen Faucet Heads

Hose Timers

Hose Nozzles

Faucet Aerators

Moisture Meters

Shower Timers



**LOS OSOS COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT
REBATE PROGRAM APPLICATION**
2122 9th Street, Suite 110, Los Osos CA 93402
805-528-9370 District Office

Date of Application

Name (First and Last)

Customer Account #

Service Address Los Osos, CA 93402

Daytime Phone# work/cell

Mailing Address

State

Zip

Owner

Renter

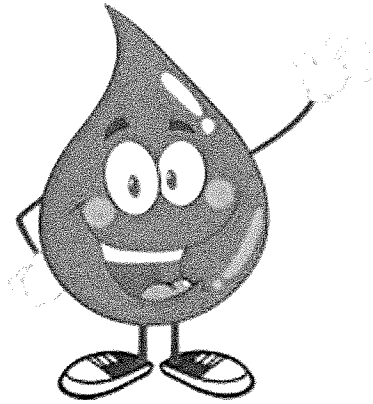
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Fixtures Removed	Quantity	Flow	Brand	Fixture Installed	Quantity	Flow	Brand
Toilets				Toilets			
Clothes Washer				Clothes Washer			
Water Heater				Tankless Water Heater			
				Hot Water Recirculation System			
				Rain Catchment			

Combined rebates that total \$600 or more may be subject to tax and applicants are required to receive an IRS form 1099. If rebates total more than \$600, complete an IRS W-9 form and send it with your application. Rebate may be subject to inspection. Receipts must be dated no earlier than June 1, 2019.

For Office Use Only					
Rebate Item	Quantity	\$Amount Total	Receipt Enclosed	Confirmed item as water saving	Additional Notes
Toilets					
Clothes Washer					
Tankless Water Heater					
Hot Water Recirc. System					
Rain Catchment					
Check #	_____	Date of check	_____		
Amount	_____	Confirmed By	_____		
W9 attached	_____				Date



**SPONSORSHIP REQUEST –
2019 Water Conservation Fair - Sunday, June 23rd**

We invite you to be a sponsor for the 2019 Water Conservation Fair being held at the South Bay Community Center.

All proceeds benefit the Water Conservation Video Winners from the Los Osos Middle School and the Water Conservation marketing program.

Conservation Fair Sponsorships Benefits include -

- Booth at the Conservation Fair
- Company Name mentioned in all social media and advertisements for the Conservation Fair.
- Personal Advertisement with “Water Guy”. Advertisement will be on the Chamber, LOCSD, and Golden State websites and Facebook pages.

Sponsorships due by June 15, 2019*

___ \$50 Chamber Member Sponsor ___ \$75 Non-Chamber Member Sponsor

Please accept my donation/sponsorship of \$___

Name of business or person _____

Contact Email _____ Phone _____

Please return this form to Los Osos/Baywood Park Chamber of Commerce.

Make check payable to Los Osos/Baywood Park Chamber. Tax ID#95-3751092

Email logo artwork to info@lobpchamber.org

**or promised by due date*

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