



REPORT TO COUNCIL City of Sacramento

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Consent
October 28, 2008

Honorable Mayor and
Members of the City Council

Title: Agreement: Regional Water Authority and Sacramento Regional County Sanitation District Water Conservation Incentives Project

Location/Council District: Citywide

Recommendation: Adopt a **Resolution:** 1) authorizing the City Manager to execute an agreement with the Regional Water Authority (RWA) for the RWA/Sacramento Regional County Sanitation District (SRCSD) Water Conservation Incentives Project for an amount not to exceed \$92,000; and 2) amending the FY 2008/09 Water Fund Revenue and Expenditure Budget in the amount of \$46,000.

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Presenters: N/A

Department: Utilities

Division: Administration

Organization No: 14001441

Description/Analysis

Issue: The RWA was established to, among other things, provide assistance to achieve water efficiency on a regional scale, assist member agencies with meeting Best Management Practice (BMP) commitments and solicit grant funding for conservation efforts. The City of Sacramento has been an active member since July 2001 which has enabled the City a better opportunity to meet the BMP's established with the Water Forum Agreement (WFA) and the California Urban Water Conservation Council (CUWCC).

Specifically, this project is to implement a cost sharing partnership with SRCSD provided through reimbursement of SRCSD funds to RWA participating members to increase water conservation efforts of Commercial, Industrial, Institutional and Residential water users under the WFA BMP 16 and CUWCC BMP14 by replacing high water using toilets and CUWCC BMP 9, pre-rinse spray valves and clothes washers with more efficient models.

Policy Considerations: This program consists of improving conservation efforts via state-approved “best management practices.” The Toilet Rebate program is one of these “best management practices.” Implementation of the proposed agreement supports the City’s water conservation strategic goals by further committing to the BMP’s outlined in the WFA and CUWCC reporting requirements.

Environmental Considerations: The agreement with RWA does not constitute a project subject to environmental review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15378(b)(4) (approval of government funding mechanisms) and 15378(b)(5) (governmental administrative activities).

Sustainability Considerations: Implementation of this agreement is consistent with the City Sustainability Master Plan in advancing the following water conservation goals:

1. Conserving the use and protection of sources of water
2. Implementation of select water conservation BMP’s
3. Partnership opportunities with water purveyors to continue a regional approach toward water conservation education

Rationale for Recommendation: It is recommended that the City Council adopt the resolution approving the agreement between RWA and the City of Sacramento for the Water Conservation Incentives Project. This program Supports Council’s direction to meet the BMP’s stated in the WPA and CUWCC and does so with minimal net Water Fund dollars.

Financial Considerations:

It is estimated that the City will provide rebates totaling approximately \$92,000, with half of that amount subsequently being reimbursed to City from SRCSD funds under the Water Conservation Incentives Project. Table 1.1 projects the estimates for water conservation incentives potentially requested by customer class and illustrates the projected cost-sharing as specified in the agreement.

Table 1.1 Projected Estimates for the Water Conservation Incentives Project

Single-family		Multi-family		Commercial		Washer Rebates	Pre-Rinse Spray Valves	Paid to Customer (City pays upfront costs to customer)	SRCS D Reimburse ment	City Cost Share
ULFT*	HET*	ULFT	HET	ULFT	HET					
100	50	0	50	0	200	25	25	\$92,000	\$46,000	\$46,000

* ULFT: Ultra Low Flow Toilet; ** HET: High Efficiency Toilet

Under the agreement, participating RWA member agencies also pay for RWA's costs to administer the Water Conservation Incentives Project, with the administrative cost share based on whether the RWA member agency is small, medium or large. The City has been identified as one of three large agencies that will collectively pay 40% of RWA's administrative costs; the City's cost share is approximately 13%, or \$4,667 of the estimated cost for RWA to manage the program. There are sufficient funds in the current fiscal year Water Conservation Operating Budget to do these projects.

Staff recommends amending the FY2008/09 Water Fund Revenue and Expenditure Budget (fund 6005, dept id 14001441) by \$46,000 for projected reimbursement from SRCSD under the Water Conservation Incentives Project. The City cost of \$46,000 is already budgeted in the current fiscal year Water Conservation budget.

Emerging Small Business Development (ESBD):

There are no goods or services purchased as a result of the proposed actions in this report. Therefore, there are no Emerging Small Business Development issues.

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Attachment 1

Background

In July 2001, the City of Sacramento joined the Regional Water Authority as a member whose mission is to represent the regional water supply interests and to assist its members of the Regional Water Authority in protecting and enhancing the reliability, availability, affordability and quality of water resources.

Today, Regional Water Authority represents 22 water purveyor and affiliated agency members in Sacramento, Placer, El Dorado, and Yolo Counties.

This 18 month agreement with RWA provides a cost sharing partnership with SRCSD through reimbursement of SRCSD funds to RWA participating members to increase water conservation efforts of Commercial, Industrial, Institutional and Residential water users under the WFA BMP 16 and CUWCC BMP14 by replacing high water using toilets and CUWCC BMP 9 pre-rinse spray valves and clothes washers with more efficient models. RWA staff will administer the agreement.

RESOLUTION NO.

Adopted by the Sacramento City Council

**AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH REGIONAL WATER AUTHORITY FOR THE
WATER CONSERVATION INCENTIVES PROJECT**

BACKGROUND

- A. In July 2001, the City of Sacramento joined the Regional Water Authority (RWA) whose mission is to represent the regional water supply interests and to assist members of the RWA in protecting and enhancing the reliability, availability, affordability and quality of water resources.
- B. Today, the RWA represents 22 water purveyor and affiliated agency members in Sacramento, Placer, El Dorado, and Yolo Counties.
- C. This eighteen month agreement with RWA for the Water Conservation Incentives Project provides a cost sharing partnership with the Sacramento Regional County Sanitation District (SRCSD), through reimbursement of SRCSD funds to RWA participating members to increase water conservation efforts by providing rebates for replacing high water using toilets, pre-rinse spray valves and clothes washers with more efficient models.
- D. RWA staff will administer the agreement. It is estimated that the City will provide rebates totaling approximately \$92,000, with half of that amount subsequently being reimbursed to City from SRCSD funds under the Water Conservation Incentives Project, in accordance with the agreement.

**BASED ON THE FACTS SET FORTH IN THE BACKGROUND, THE CITY COUNCIL
RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:**

- Section 1. The City Manager is authorized to execute an Agreement with the Regional Water Authority for the Regional Water Authority/Sacramento Regional County Sanitation District Water Conservation Incentives Project.
- Section 2. The FY2008/2009 Water Fund Revenue and Expenditure Budget (fund 6005, dept id 14001441) is amended in the amount of \$46,000.

