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## **MEMO**

TO: District Manager

FROM: Director of Operations

SUBJECT: Water Conservation Rebate Program

DATE: August 26, 2009

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that the District Manager review this memo and request the Board of Directors to approve the attached resolution, which corrects and establishes the Water Conservation Rebate Program effected date from September 1, 2009 to September 15, 2009.

### **BACKGROUND:**

On August 20, 2009 the Board of Directors, adopted Resolution No. 6 (09-10) which established a new District Water Conservation Rebate Program that superseded and rescinded the existing program. The Resolution adopted contained an error on the September 15, 2009 effective date.

The attached Resolution corrects the effective date from September 1, 2009 to September 15, 2009.

Rick Rogers

Director of Operations

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#### SAN LORENZO VALLEY WATER DISTRICT

#### RESOLUTION NO. (09-10)

# SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF DISTRICT WATER CONSERVATION REBATE PROGRAM

WHEREAS, on March 6, 2003 the San Lorenzo Valley Water Board of Directors adopted Resolution No. 27 (02-03), which implemented the District's Water Conservation Rebate Program; and

WHEREAS, on August 20, 2009 the San Lorenzo Valley Water District Board of Directors adopted Resolution No. 6 (09-10) which amended said Water Conservation Rebate Program; and

WHEREAS, the San Lorenzo Valley Water District is a retail water provider to approximately 7,400 customers in the San Lorenzo Valley; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the San Lorenzo Valley Water District wants to promote water conservation and the efficient use of water by District customers; and

WHEREAS, new information and proven technologies demonstrating additional watersavings have become available since the inception of the District's original Water Conservation Rebate Program in 2003; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the San Lorenzo Valley Water District wants to implement a new Water Conservation Rebate Program to reflect new information and proven technologies in order to promote further water conservation by the customers of the District;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Directors of the San Lorenzo Valley Water District as follows:

- The San Lorenzo Valley Water District hereby establishes a new Water Conservation Rebate Program that supersedes and rescinds Resolution No. 27 (02-03), which established the existing Water Conservation Rebate Program and Resolution No. 6 (09-10) which previously amended said Water Conservation Rebate Program.
- 2) The San Lorenzo Valley Water District hereby establishes that all rebates shall be applied as a credit to the customer's water bill.
- The San Lorenzo Valley Water District hereby establishes that a rebated credit of actual purchase price, not to exceed \$20.00 per 100 square feet, and not to exceed \$500.00 per customer, shall apply to the replacement of an existing outdoor spray irrigation system with an appropriately installed drip irrigation system of at least 100 square feet in area.
- 4) The San Lorenzo Valley Water District hereby establishes that a rebated credit of actual purchase price, not to exceed \$75 per customer for a sensor-based unit without an associated signal fee, and not to exceed \$125 per customer for a unit with an associated signal fee, shall apply to the installation of a Weather-Based Irrigation Controller.

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- 5) The San Lorenzo Valley Water District hereby establishes that a rebated credit of actual purchase price, not to exceed \$1.50 per square foot and not to exceed \$750.00 per customer, shall apply to the replacement of an existing outdoor lawn with synthetic turf, or an appropriate low-water use natural grass.
- The San Lorenzo Valley Water District hereby establishes that a rebated credit of actual purchase price, not to exceed \$150 per fixture, shall apply to the replacement of existing Conventional High Volume Toilets (3.5+ gpf) with High-Efficiency Toilets (1.28 gpf or less).
- 7) The San Lorenzo Valley Water District hereby establishes that a rebated credit of actual purchase price, not to exceed \$100 per fixture, shall apply to purchase and installation of High-Efficiency Clothes Washers.
- 8) The San Lorenzo Valley Water District hereby establishes a maximum combined credit of \$400.00, applying to High-Efficiency Toilets and High-Efficiency Clothes Washers, for each single family unit customer.
- 9) The San Lorenzo Valley Water District hereby establishes that funding for this program is limited and application for rebates will be processed on a first-come, first-serve basis.
- 10) The San Lorenzo Valley Water District hereby establishes that the intent of the Water Conservation Credit Program is for single family dwelling units. However, the District will consider applications from multifamily, commercial, and and/or institutional customers on a case by case basis.
- The San Lorenzo Valley Water District hereby establishes that the new Water Conservation Rebate Program shall be effective for all rebated items purchased and installed after September 15, 2009.

FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the San Lorenzo Valley Water District authorizes and directs the District Manger to implement the new Water Conservation Rebate Program.

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PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of the San Lorenzo Valley Water District, County of Santa Cruz, State of California, on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of September, 2009, by the following vote of the members thereof:

AYES: NOES: ABSTAIN: ABSENT:

> B. Barchi, District Secretary San Lorenzo Valley Water District