



MEMORANDUM

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TO: CWAC Cons. & Ed. Subcommittee

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SUBJECT: Modification to the Rainwater Harvesting Incentives Rebate Program

The single-family rainwater harvesting incentives rebate program began in June 2012 as a pilot program. The program has been successful with respect to workshop attendance and applications received. Since the program was introduced, there has been confusion concerning how to qualify for the rebate and what to submit with the application. The Water Conservation Office has received numerous applications with errors and interpretations of what does and does not qualify. Additionally, staff is spending excessive amounts of time processing these rebate applications.

In an effort to streamline application processing and simplify the program for customers, staff recommends the following changes to be effective July 1, 2013:

Level 1 – Passive (Rain Garden)

- Require simple project plan
- 50% of expenses up to \$500
- Passive earthworks
- Gutter installation
- Rain barrels:
 - 0-99 gal \$25
 - 100-499 gal \$50
 - 500-799 gal \$100

Level 2 – Active (Rain Tanks)

- No 1" requirement
- No project plan required
- \$1 per gallon capacity of rain tank up to \$2,000
- Minimum 800 gallon tank (replaces 1" requirement)