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2019-2020 WATER CONSERVATION REBATE PROGRAM – TSD PARTICIPATION

Summary:

In past years, Triunfo Sanitation District (TSD) has participated in the water conservation rebate program administered through Metropolitan Water District (MWD) and Calleguas Municipal Water District (Calleguas) by offering Oak Park Water Service (OPWS) customers additional supplemental rebates for selected conservation devices. Staff is seeking direction from the TSD Board as to whether the supplemental rebates should be continued, changed, or discontinued for fiscal year 2019-20.

If you have any questions please contact me at (805) 658-4608 or via email at sandywarren@vrsd.com.

Background:

For fiscal year 2019-20, MWD will continue to offer a rebate program to eligible residential customers throughout Southern California as an incentive for the purchase of various water conservation-related devices. As a member agency of MWD, Calleguas will likely continue to offer supplemental rebates on several of those products. A summary of the current available rebates is shown below:

	MWD	Calleguas
Device	Rebate/Unit	Supplement
High-efficiency clothes washer (1)	\$85	\$25
Premium high-efficiency toilet (1-9)	\$40	\$25
Weather-based irrigation controller (<1 acre) (1-2)	\$80	\$25
Weather-based irrigation controller (>= 1 acre) (1-100) \$35 (per sta	tion)
Rotary sprinkler nozzle (min. 30)	\$2	
Rain barrel (1-2)	\$35	
Soil moisture sensor (< 1 acre) (1-2)	\$105	

Soil moisture sensor system (>= 1 acre) (1-160)	\$35 (per station)	
Cistern (200-500 gal.) (1)	\$250	
Cistern (501-999 gal.) (1)	\$300	
Cistern (1,000+) (1)	\$350	

In 2018-2019, the TSD Board budgeted \$3,200 for additional supplemental rebates, allocated as follows:

Device	TSD Rebate/Unit
High-efficiency clothes washer	\$20
Premium high-efficiency toilet	\$20
Weather-based irrigation controller (<1 acre)	\$30
Weather-based irrigation controller (>= 1 acre)	\$30 (flat)
Rain barrels	\$10

As of May 13, 2019, TSD's supplemental customer rebate expenses totaled \$976, broken down as follows:

Device	Total Rebates
High-efficiency clothes washers	\$420
Premium high-efficiency toilets	\$0
Weather-based irrigation controllers	\$556
Rain barrels	\$0

For 2019-2020, MWD will continue the Landscape Transformation Program, which will offer homeowners \$2 per square foot of turf that is removed and replaced in accordance with various program specifications. Member agencies, such as Calleguas, and retail agencies, such as TSD, are welcome to add their own supplemental rebates to MWD's \$2 per square foot. Calleguas has informed staff that they will likely not be offering any supplement for fiscal year 2019-2020.

Staff seeks the Board's direction as to the total amount (if any) to be allocated for supplemental water conservation rebates in 2019-2020, individual dollar amount allocations (if any) for specific water conservation devices, and the supplemental rebate amount (if any) for the Landscape Transformation Program. Note: Staff is prepared to publicize the 2019-2020 Water Conservation Rebate Program via the District website, water bill inserts, and other channels.

Fiscal Impact:

Depending on customer response to the rebate program, related expenditures for TSD would be limited to the total authorized amount unless additional funds were to be allocated at a later date by means of a budget adjustment.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that the Board provide direction to staff as to:

- A. Individual dollar amount allocations (if any) for specific water conservation devices;
- B. Supplemental rebate amount (if any) for MWD's Landscape Transformation Program.
- C. Total amount (if any) to be allocated for supplemental water conservation rebates in 2019-2020).

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