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2021-2022 CONSERVATION REBATE PROGRAM – TWSD SUPPLEMENTS

Summary

In past years, Triunfo Water & Sanitation District (TWSD) has participated in the water conservation rebate program administered through Metropolitan Water District (MWD) and Calleguas Municipal Water District (Calleguas) by offering TWSD customers additional supplemental rebates for selected conservation devices. Staff is seeking direction from the TWSD Board as to whether the supplemental rebates should be continued, changed, or discontinued for fiscal year 2021-22.

Background:

For fiscal year 2021-22, 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 has indicated to staff that they will continue to offer supplemental rebates on several of those products. A summary of the rebates, effective July 1, 2021, is shown below:

Device	MWD Rebate/Unit	Calleguas Supplement
High-efficiency clothes washer	\$85	\$25
Premium high-efficiency toilet	\$40	\$25
Weather-based irrigation controller (<1 acre)	\$80	\$25
Weather-based irrigation controller (>= 1 acre)	\$35 (per station)	----
Rotary sprinkler nozzle	\$2	----
Rain barrel	\$35	----
Soil moisture sensor (< 1 acre)	\$80	\$25
Soil moisture sensor system (>= 1 acre)	\$35 (per station)	----
Cistern (200-500 gal.)	\$250	----
Cistern (501-999 gal.)	\$300	----
Cistern (1,000+)	\$350	----

In 2020-2021, the TWSD Board budgeted \$3,200 for additional supplemental rebates, allocated as follows:

Device	TWSD 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 June 10, 2021, TWSD's supplemental customer rebate obligation totaled \$1,104.99, broken down as follows:

High-efficiency clothes washers (29)	Premium high-efficiency toilets (3)
Weather-based irrigation controllers (29)	Rain barrels (0)

For 2021-2022, MWD will continue the Landscape Transformation Program, which offers 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 TWSD, may add their own supplemental rebates to MWD's \$2 per square foot. Calleguas has informed staff that they will not be offering any landscape transformation supplement for fiscal year 2021-2022.

The TWSD 2021-2022 Budget includes \$3,200 for supplemental conservation rebates. Staff seeks the Board's direction as to individual dollar amount allocations for specific water conservation devices, and the supplemental rebate amount (if any) for the Landscape Transformation Program. TWSD's contract public outreach consultant (Searle Creative Services) is prepared to promote the 2021-2022 Water Conservation Rebate Program via the District website, water bill inserts, social media, and other channels.


Fiscal Impact:

Depending on customer response to the rebate program, related expenditures for TWSD 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.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (818) 400-9278 or sandywarren@vrsd.com.


Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board consider whether supplemental water conservation rebates should be continued, changed, or discontinued for fiscal year 2021-2022 and direct staff accordingly.



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