

## AGENDA



Thursday, September 24, 2009

**Austin Water Utility  
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION**
**Item No. 9**

**Subject:** Approve issuance of a rebate in the amount of \$54,870 to ReGreen, Inc. for the installation of 295 water efficient toilets at the Sienna Ridge Apartments at 1817 E Oltorf St., Austin TX 78741.

**Amount and Source of Funding:** Funding in the amount of \$54,870 is available in the Fiscal Year 2008-2009 Operating Budget of Austin Water Utility.

**Fiscal Note:** A fiscal note is not required.

**For More Information:** Drema Gross, 974-2787; Denise Avery, 972-0104

**Boards and Commission Action:** Recommended by the Citizens Water Conservation Implementation Task Force, Water and Wastewater Commission, and Resource Management Commission.

**Prior Council Action:** April 28, 2005 - Council approved Water Conservation Plan. August 28, 2008 - Council authorized increase in maximum funding to \$100,000.

Austin Water requests authorization to issue a rebate in the amount of \$54,870 to ReGreen, Inc. for the purchase and installation of two hundred and ninety five 1.28 gallon, high efficiency tank-type toilets at the Sienna Ridge Apartments at 1817 E Oltorf St. in accordance with the City of Austin's Commercial Toilet Rebate Program guidelines.

This program is designed to replace old large-capacity toilets with water efficient models. The replacement of these toilets is expected to save 5,045 gallons per day, reducing demands on the Utility's treatment capacity and decreasing greenhouse gas equivalents by an estimated 4.55 metric tons per year.

The rebate is for the cost of toilets and installation. The toilets were installed July 20-24, 2009 by Vasquez Plumbing, a licensed plumber in the State of Texas. The rebate amounts are as follows:

Toilet model:	ProFlow PF9300W;
Cost:	\$96.00 per unit;
Installation cost:	\$90.00 per unit;
Units installed:	295
Total cost:	\$54,870