Thursday, December 17, 2009

Austin Water Utility RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Item No. 11

Subject: Approve the issuance of a Letter of Intent for a rebate to ASSET PLUS for the installation of 321 water efficient toilets at Pinto Creek Apartments, in an amount not to exceed \$64,200.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2009-2010 Operating Budget of the Austin Water Utility.

Fiscal Note: A fiscal note is not required.

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Boards and Commission Action: Recommended by the Water and Wastewater Commission. To be reviewed by the Resource Management Commission on December 15, 2009.

Austin Water Utility requests authorization to issue a rebate in an amount not to exceed \$64,200 to ASSET PLUS for the purchase and installation of 321 1.28 gallon, high efficiency tank-type toilets at Pinto Creek Apartments located at 2207 Wickersham Ln. Austin, TX 78741 in accordance with the City of Austin's Toilet Rebate Program guidelines. The rebate is for the cost of toilets and installation by a Texas licensed plumber up to a maximum of \$200 per toilet.

This program is designed to replace old large-capacity toilets with water efficient models. The replacement of these toilets is expected to save 5,489 gallons per day, reducing demands on the Utility's treatment capacity and decreasing greenhouse gas equivalents by an estimated 4.95 metric tons per year.

Cost of Data: 1. Cost of this item: \$64,200

- 2. Total estimated gallons saved: 5.489 (per day)
- 3. Cost per gallon saved: \$11.70 (per day) or \$0.002 (over lifetime)