

AGENDA



Thursday, December 17, 2009

**Austin Water Utility
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION**

Item No. 14

Subject: Approve the issuance of a Letter of Intent for a rebate to JIM REGAN for the installation of 369 water efficient toilets at the Woodmeade Apartments, in an amount not to exceed \$73,800.

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.

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

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 \$73,800 to JIM REGAN for the purchase and installation of 369 1.28 gallon, high efficiency tank-type toilets at the Woodmeade Apartments located at 2501 Wickersham Lane 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 6,310 gallons per day, reducing demands on the Utility's treatment capacity and decreasing greenhouse gas equivalents by an estimated 5.69 metric tons per year.

Cost of Data: 1. Cost of this item: \$73,800
2. Total estimated gallons saved: 6,310 (per day)
3. Cost per gallon saved: \$11.70 (per day) or \$0.002 (over lifetime)