

## AGENDA



Thursday, February 25, 2010

**Austin Water Utility  
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION****Item No. 12**

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**Subject:** Approve the issuance of a Letter of Intent for a rebate to RESEARCH POINTE APARTMENTS for the installation of up to 342 water efficient toilets at Research Pointe Apartments, in an amount not to exceed \$68,400.

**Amount and Source of Funding:** Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2009-2010 Conservation Rebate and Incentives Fund.

**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 and the Resource Management Commission.

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Austin Water Utility requests authorization to issue a rebate in an amount not to exceed \$68,400 to RESEARCH POINTE APARTMENTS for the purchase and installation of up to 342 1.28 gallon, high efficiency tank-type toilets at Research Pointe Apartments located at 8220 Research Blvd. Austin, TX 78757 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. The application for Research Pointe was received on September 22, 2009 prior to the suspension of the Multi-family and Commercial Toilet Rebate Program.

This program is designed to replace old large-capacity toilets with water efficient models. The replacement of these toilets is expected to save approximately an estimated 5,848 gallons per day, reducing demands on the Utility's treatment capacity and decreasing greenhouse gas equivalents by an estimated 5.27 metric tons per year.

Cost of Data:

1. Cost of This Item - \$68,400
2. Total Estimated Gallons Saved - 32,017,800 gallons over a 15 year lifetime
3. Cost Per Gallon Saved - \$2.14 per thousand gallons