

AGENDA



Thursday, February 25, 2010

**Austin Water Utility
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION****Item No. 15**

Subject: Approve the issuance of a Letter of Intent for a rebate to FREE TOILET REPLACEMENTS, INC., for the installation of up to 408 water efficient toilets at Travis Station Apartments, in an amount not to exceed \$81,600.

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.

Austin Water Utility requests authorization to issue a rebate in an amount not to exceed \$81,600 to FREE TOILET REPLACEMENTS, INC. for the purchase and installation of up to 408 1.28 gallon, high efficiency tank-type toilets at Travis Station Apartments located at 6600 Ed Bluestein Blvd. Austin, TX 78723 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 Travis Station was received on July 31, 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 6,977 gallons per day, reducing demands on the Utility's treatment capacity and decreasing greenhouse gas equivalents by an estimated 6.29 metric tons per year.

Cost of Data:

1. Cost of This Item - \$81,600
2. Total Estimated Gallons Saved - 38,199,075 gallons over a 15 year lifetime
3. Cost Per Gallon Saved - \$2.14 per thousand gallons