

# **Combined Utility System**

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**Recommendation for  
Multi-Family Water Conservation  
Rebate Program  
December 7, 2010**



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## Multi-Family Conservation Program Proposal

- **In the Rate Ordinance approved by City Council on April 21, 2010 a Multi-Family rebate program was authorized**
  
- **PWE agreed to bring forward a recommended two-part program, total funding of \$28M over 24 months:**
  - **One for rent restricted multi-family properties – this program is now underway**
  - **The second which all multi-family owners/managers are eligible. The intent is to reduce high water consumption by encouraging customers to educate residents on efficiency and install water saving devices**



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### **Focus of the Multi-Family Water Conservation Rebate Program**

**Mitigating the impact of the rate increase on the owners and tenants of properties through rebates for achieved water conservation**

- Water conservation provides a conservation benefit to CUS and potentially offsets rate increases for participating owners**
- Conservation Program is a legal use of funds of the Combined Utility System**
- Consulted with stakeholders for program design and implementation**



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## Multi-Family Water Conservation Rebate Program

- **Estimated \$9M annually for two calendar years**
  - This program will start in January 2011, with invitation letters to be sent to all Multi-Family CUS water accounts with 16 units or more
- **A complex owner/manager will:**
  - Submit an application to UCS
  - Submit the total number of apartment units for each account as well as historical occupancy numbers for each month in calendar year 2010
  - Ensure that all water/wastewater bills are paid by the due date
  - Provide monthly occupancy detail during the program duration
- **The UCS website will include:**
  - Conservation program details
  - The application
  - “Water Saving Tips” flyers for both tenants and complex management



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### The four six-month conservation periods within two calendar years:

- ❑ First six-month conservation period January 1, 2011 – June 30, 2011
- ❑ Second six- month conservation period July 1, 2011 – December 31, 2011
- ❑ Third six- month conservation period January 1, 2012 – June 30, 2012
- ❑ Fourth six- month conservation period July 1, 2012 – December 31, 2012

### The baseline periods are:

- ❑ Baseline One: six-month conservation period January 1, 2010 – June 30, 2010
- ❑ Baseline Two: six- month conservation period July 1, 2010 – December 31, 2010



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**Depending on the reduction of usage when comparing the six-month periods to the baseline periods, properties may be eligible for the following:**

- 5% conservation goal = \$10.00 per occupied unit for every six months based upon achieved water conservation
- 10% conservation goal = \$13.00 per occupied unit for every six month period based upon achieved water conservation
- 15% conservation goal = \$15.00 per occupied unit for every six month period based upon achieved water conservation
- 25% or more conservation goal = \$25.00 per occupied unit for every six month period based upon achieved water conservation



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### □ Other Notes:

- If a qualifying customer fails to meet a minimum of 5% conservation goal in any of the four six month periods, the Multi-Family Account may still qualify during future rebate periods



