

DENVER BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS

Meeting Date: July 27, 2011

Board Item: V-D-1

Transfer of Funds to Ensure 2011 Conservation Program Continuation

Action by Consent Action Information

We propose a transfer of \$620,000 from local government and low-income/non-profit conservation programs to the incentive/rebate conservation programs for 2011. This will have no net impact on the Conservation Program budget, and will keep us on pace to achieve our water savings goal for the year. Local government and low-income conservation programs will continue to meet customer demands for these programs.

The Conservation Program decreased the rebate amount for residential and commercial toilets and residential washing machines in 2011. Conservation developed its 2011 budget based on those changes being effective on Jan. 1, 2011. Upon discussion with the Board in late 2010 the Board asked that the changes not go into effect until March 15, 2011. The delay in the change, along with expanded demand in both the residential and commercial sectors for rebates has stressed the budget for these programs. Without an additional funding source we anticipate that the rebate program will not be funded after October 1.

However, other parts of the Conservation Program that fund conservation efforts directed at local governments and low income residents will go unspent in 2011. These programs are under budget in 2011 due to local governments not being able to meet previous commitments to fixture retrofits, and the near completion of multifamily nonprofit retrofits. Low income retrofits are continuing, but will occur at a slower pace because they will focus on single family residential customers.

Budget Considerations

Master Plan Codes: 4EA0021, 4EA0029, 4EA0030

Budgeted Item Unbudgeted Item Funds transferred from another project:

FROM:

- \$294,000 from MPC 4EA0030 CCCN 020 TOE 3100
- \$76,000 from MPC 4EA0029 CCCN 020 TOEs 3100, 5351
- \$250,000 from MPC 4EA0021 CCCN 022 TOEs 3100, 5351

TO:

MPC 4EA0021 CCCN 022 TOE 5350

Recommendation:

It is recommended that the Board authorize the transfer of \$370,000 from local government programs and \$250,000 from the low-income/non-profit programs to conservation rebates/incentives.

Respectfully submitted,

Approvals:



 Melissa Elliott,
 Interim Director of Public Affairs



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