

DENVER BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS

Meeting Date: February 10, 2010

Board Item: V-E-1

High Efficiency Toilets for Condo Associations

Action by Consent

Action

Information

Condo and townhome residents are less likely to take advantage of the high-efficiency toilet rebates offered by Denver Water’s conservation program because they usually do not pay a water bill directly. In 2009 Denver Water did a pilot project with a condo association that enrolled owners/tenants in a program to replace 400 toilets that were provided by the rebate program. The cost per toilet was less than the normal \$125.00 rebate available because Denver Water could buy the toilets in bulk. The balance of the \$125.00 was provided to the association to assist with installation costs. The association handled the delivery and installation of the toilets and Conservation Technicians verified installation. This pilot program was well received and indoor water use at that property is down nearly 40 percent, with savings to both water and sewer bills. Denver Water’s cost was approximately \$2,050.00 per acre-foot.

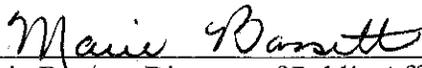
This program will be publicized in newsletters directed to local HOA management firms. The success of the pilot program resulted in additional 2010 funding during the budget process. Denver Water received bids for 1,000 toilets to supply in 2010 to interested condo and townhome associations. Eight bids were received and the lowest bid for 1,000 High-efficiency toilets was \$103,200.00 from Wholesale Specialties. Three associations have already expressed interest in doing a retrofit project in 2010. The number of toilets supplied per project will vary.

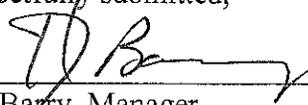
Funds are included in the 2010 budget for these expenditures (MPC 4EA0021).

Recommendation:

It is recommended the Board authorize award of Contract No. 12731A to Wholesale Specialties to furnish high-efficiency toilets, for the contract period February 1, 2010 through December 31, 2010, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$103,200.00. This award is based on lowest overall price and compliance with specifications.

Approvals:


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Respectfully submitted,

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