



TRIUNFO SANITATION DISTRICT

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Board of Directors
Triunfo Sanitation District
Ventura County, California

WATER CONSERVATION PROGRAM

Summary

Based on the recent declaration from Governor Brown on March 30, 2011 to end the State's drought, Chair Paule requested a discussion regarding the Oak Park Water conservation program.

Staff Report/Background

In June 2008 Governor Schwarzenegger proclaimed a statewide drought and ordered immediate action to address the situation. As a result the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (MWD) declared a water supply alert urging cities, counties, local public water agencies, and retailers to achieve extraordinary conservation by adopting and enforcing drought ordinances, accelerating public outreach, and developing local supplies in order to preserve existing reserves. In May 2009 the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (MWD) announced water allocations to its member/retail agencies. MWD's allocation goal required a 15 reduction in water use. As a result the Triunfo Sanitation District updated its water shortage contingency plan and adopted Ordinance No. TSD-66 Water Waste Prevention and Ordinance and No. TSD-67 Water Conservation Ordinance. The Triunfo Sanitation District (TSD) implemented a public outreach program and enforcement of water waste restrictions in TSD to achieve this goal. The public outreach program includes water conservation bill stuffers, newspaper ads, conservation events, and a water conservation hotline. In addition TSD offers home water surveys to educate customers in water conservation and leak detection at their homes. TSD offers financial incentives to retrofit water fixtures and appliances by participating in MWD's SoCal Water\$mart rebate program by contributing matching funds. Enforcement of the permanent waste restrictions in Ordinance TSD-66 is being implemented by staff conducting water watch one hour daily during normal business hours.

On March 30, 2011 Governor Brown ended the State's drought status and urged Californians continue to conserve water. The MWD board at its April 12, 2011 meeting decided to terminate water supply allocations as of April 13, 2011.

Subsequent to end of the drought the State enacted the Water Conservation Act of 2009 (SBx7-7) that established a legislative framework to achieve Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger's call for a statewide per capita water use reduction of twenty percent by the year 2020. Urban retail water suppliers are required to report in their 2010 UWMP baseline and target per capita water use reduction values with an implementation strategy to assist the State in meeting this goal. In an effort to continue the progress TSD has made in regards to conservation and to meet the States goal of reducing water use 20 percent by 2020, staff has included in next fiscal year's budget to continue the public outreach programs stated above and to continue water watch at a reduced level from daily to weekly.

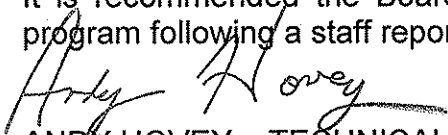
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Fiscal Impact

The proposed water conservation budget for FY12 is less than FY11 due to a recommended decrease in the staff time dedicated to enforcement of the waste restrictions in Ordinance TSD- 66.

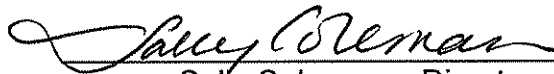
Recommendation

It is recommended the Board discuss the implementation of the water conservation program following a staff report and provide staff with recommendations.



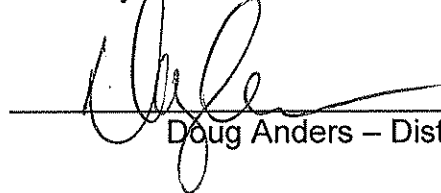
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APPROVED FOR MAY 23, 2011 AGENDA



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