

**CENTRAL BASIN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT**

**APRIL 6, 2006 - Jt. Communications**

Apodaca, Hawkins

**APRIL 24, 2006 - Board Meeting**

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**ACTION CALENDAR**

**ULTRA-LOW FLUSH TOILET (ULFT) DISTRIBUTION SERVICES**

**SUMMARY:**

The District's current two-year agreement with its vendor, the Oldtimers Foundation, will expire on June 30, 2006. Under Agreement No. C1511, the vendor is currently providing services to market and administer the District's free ULFT Distribution Programs at a not-to-exceed amount of \$760,000. The current agreement allows the District to conduct traditional ULFT programs or targeted direct install programs.

Two years ago, the Oldtimers Foundation bid on this program and was awarded a contract. They are currently performing an excellent job in marketing and implementing the ULFT Distribution Program; therefore, staff is recommending extending the Oldtimers Foundation's contract for an additional year, through June 30, 2007. Alternatively, if instructed by the Board, staff could issue a "Request for Proposals" for services rendered. By extending this contract by an additional year, staff will be able to use the results of the Conservation Master Plan to recommend enhancements to the current programs and/or recommend new programs.

According to the District's demographic and saturation information, it is estimated that around 40% - 50% of the homes in the District have replaced their older high-use toilets with new 1.6 gallon per flush (gpf) toilets. Through statistical and programmatic data, there is still ample opportunity to conserve water by providing the public with free water conserving toilets.

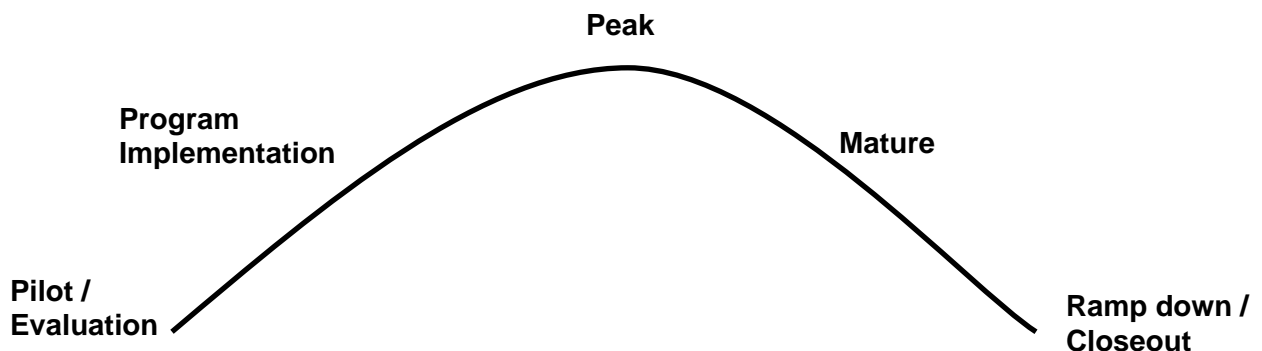
**MWD Strategy Plan**

Since the early 1990's, MWD has been providing the Member Agencies with a \$60 per toilet incentive based on its avoided cost of water.

As part of their new five-year Conservation Strategic Plan, MWD re-evaluated its avoided cost of water. Since the 1990's, there have been increases in energy, treatment and inflation; therefore, MWD's recent analysis resulted in a higher avoided cost of \$195/AF.

The new avoided cost figure has been used to increase the conservation incentives that MWD currently provides.

Also, included in MWD's Strategy Plan is the "Device Life Cycle" concept.



Many Member Agencies have reached maturation in using the 1.6 gpf toilet distribution programs and are beginning to closeout their distribution programs. Also, the plumbing code for 1.6 gpf toilets has been in effect since 1992, or about 14 years. Therefore, beginning in 2009, MWD will no longer provide incentives for 1.6 gpf toilets. However, MWD will continue providing a higher incentive for High-Efficiency Toilets (HETs). An HET saves 20% more water than a 1.6 gpf and uses 1.3 gpf or less. For example, the Caroma Dual-Flush Toilet is considered an HET and averages 1 gpf, between its .8 and 1.6 dual button flushes.

### **District's Conservation Master Plan**

Staff and its consultant are currently developing the District's new Conservation Master Plan (Plan). The Plan will also include a Five-Year Action Plan. Staff is aware of the upcoming changes to MWD's incentives and is taking a proactive approach by recommending that will enhance the District's distribution programs.

#### Year 1 (FY 2006-07) Improvements

As part of its strategy for the toilet distribution programs, staff is recommending the use of MWD's Incentive of \$165 for the purchase and distribution of HETs. By beginning to provide HETs to the public, the District will be able to save additional water as this program continues to peak and mature.

#### FISCAL IMPACTS:

Funds are included in the Conservation Budget for FY 2006-07.

#### ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE:

Not applicable.

#### COMMITTEE STATUS:

This item was reviewed by the Central Basin Joint Communications Committee members on April 6, 2006 and was recommended for approval at the April 24, 2006 Board meeting.

#### RECOMMENDED MOTIONS:

That the Board authorizes the District's Chief Representative to extend Agreement No. C1511 with the Oldtimers Foundation for one-year with the following provisions:

1. Extend the term of the contract through June 30, 2007;
2. Allow the District to accept MWD's \$165 incentive for HETs and provide it to its vendor; and
3. Allow MWD's \$165 contribution per HET to replace its current \$60 contribution for ULFTs as stated in current agreement for the following options:
  - a. Traditional Event Cost: Increase from current \$118/unit to \$223/unit;
  - b. Multi-Family (w/no installation), increase from current \$103/unit to \$208/unit;
  - c. Multi-Family (w/installation), increase from \$150/unit to \$255/unit;
  - d. Single-Family (w/installation), increase from \$152/unit to \$257/unit;and
4. Revise the current not-to-exceed amount from the two-year amount of \$760,000 to a one-year extension amount of \$642,500. This higher one-year amount reflects MWD's new \$165 per HET that the District will be reimbursed on.

Note: The District's contribution of \$58/unit will remain the same, the only change to the Budget is the increased contribution of MWD's higher incentive of \$165/unit.