



# Water Conservation Incentive Program Update

## Resource Management Commission

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# Rainwater Rebate Program

- Ongoing since 1999
- July 2010 increased maximum rebate amount from \$500 to \$5,000 to:
  - Encourage more larger capacity systems
  - Increase samples for savings analysis
- At the time, acknowledged increased rebate outside cost-benefit benchmark and short-term
- Higher rebate amounts or those with low or negative cost/benefit ratios typical for pilot programs to collect data for innovative or untested technology or increase public conservation awareness.

# Pilot rebate amount results

- Participation for larger systems increased from an annual average of nine rebates in FY1999 through FY2010, to 39 in FY2011, and 63 in FY2012
- However, evaluations of participant usage indicate rebate amount less cost-beneficial than previously considered

# Program Changes

- Minimum 500 gallon capacity to participate
  - Exploring options for smaller demonstration projects
- Streamlined \$0.20 per gallon rebate for all system types
  - Still higher cost-per-gallon of savings than other rebate programs
- No maximum rebate amount, unrelated to project cost
- Changes effective March 31, 2013
- Coordinating with PIO to inform public



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