

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
FRESNO, CALIFORNIA, MODIFYING VARIOUS WATER  
CONSERVATION PROGRAM REBATES

WHEREAS, the annual April snow survey conducted by the California Department of Water Resources revealed that statewide the snowpack is 59 percent of the average; and

WHEREAS, the City of Fresno (City) is committed to water conservation and the protection of its water supply; and

WHEREAS, the City has adopted water conservation restrictions and enforcement procedures to ensure compliance with statewide conservation requirements; and

WHEREAS, the City offers a variety of rebates to qualified customers, with the goal of offsetting a portion of the customer's cost of installing water-efficient fixtures and landscaping materials; and

WHEREAS, the City now wishes to modify some of the rebates offered.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Fresno as follows:

1. The "Lawn Replacement Rebate" and "Micro (Drip) Irrigation Rebate" shall be combined into a single "Lawn replacement & Micro (Drip) Irrigation Rebate," requiring a single application.
2. To qualify for the "Lawn Replacement & Micro (Drip) Irrigation Rebate," applicants must complete both replacements and satisfy the eligibility requirements for both.

3. The requirements for the “Lawn Replacement” portion of the “Lawn Replacement & Micro (Drip) Irrigation Rebate” are modified as follows:

- a. The maximum allowable area eligible for rebate is increased from 1,000 square feet of lawn removed to 1,500 square feet of lawn removed.
- b. The rebate applies to lawn replacement in the front yard only.
- c. The available rebate is increased from \$0.50 per square foot to \$1.00 per square foot.
- d. Artificial turf is not permitted in the rebated portion of converted landscape.
- e. The rebated portion of the converted landscape must include plants in a minimum of 33% of the converted area at maturity.

4. The requirements for the “Micro (Drip) Irrigation” portion of the “Lawn Replacement & Micro (Drip) Irrigation Rebate” are modified as follows:

- a. The maximum allowable rebate is increased from \$0.50 per square foot up to a maximum of 1,000 square feet to a maximum rebate of \$500. Applicants may not receive a rebate which exceeds the cost of the drip irrigation supplies purchased, as evidenced by a dated and itemized sales receipt.

5. The Department of Public Utilities is directed to regularly update the online resource document titled “Qualifying Micro (Drip) Irrigation Supplies” to provide a current, non-exhaustive list, of active links to qualifying supplies and resources.

6. Prior to July 1, 2021, the Department of Public Utilities shall develop and present a new application process for the “Lawn Replacement & Micro (Drip) Irrigation

Rebate” to the City Council for approval. In developing the new application, the Department shall incorporate the following:

a. Simplify the application process and the application instructions. For example, verbiage should be simplified, the application materials should be shortened, and redundancies in the application materials should be removed.

b. Create an online form to offer applicants the option to apply for the rebate on the internet.

c. Develop, and make available online, a non-exhaustive list of allowable plants, trees, mulch, etc. which will qualify for the rebate.

d. Require that applicants participate in an initial and post-installation consultation with City staff to qualify for the “Lawn Replacement & Micro (Drip) Irrigation Rebate.”

7. The requirements for the “Smart Irrigation Controller Rebate” are modified as follows:

a. The available rebate is increased from \$50 for the purchase and installation of a qualifying new WaterSense certified Smart Irrigation Control to \$100.

8. The above modifications to the identified Water Conservation Program Rebates shall go into effect on July 1, 2021.

9. To the extent this Resolution conflicts with Resolution 2014-181 and the Water Conservation Act adopted thereunder, this Resolution controls.

10. Applicants and landscape contractors and suppliers shall be solely responsible for any and all costs associated with the modifications.

11. This resolution shall be effective upon final approval.

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA )  
COUNTY OF FRESNO ) ss.  
CITY OF FRESNO )

I, YVONNE SPENCE, City Clerk of the City of Fresno, certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the Council of the City of Fresno, at a regular meeting held on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2021.

AYES :  
NOES :  
ABSENT :  
ABSTAIN :

Mayor Approval: \_\_\_\_\_, 2021  
Mayor Approval/No Return: \_\_\_\_\_, 2021  
Mayor Veto: \_\_\_\_\_, 2021  
Council Override Vote: \_\_\_\_\_, 2021

YVONNE SPENCE, MMC CRM  
City Clerk

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date

APPROVED AS TO FORM:  
DOUGLAS T. SLOAN  
City Attorney

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Jennifer M. Quintanilla Date  
Senior Deputy City Attorney