



**To:** Board of Supervisors

**From:** Jenine Windeshausen  
Treasurer Tax Collector/mPOWER Program Administrator

**Date:** May 5, 2015

**Subject:** mPOWER Water Conservation Fee Waiver

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**Action Request:**

Approve waiver of the mPOWER processing fee of \$1,300 per commercial project and \$500 per residential project for any project that includes a water conservation component of at least \$1,500 or more for applications received between May 1, 2015 and October 31, 2015.

**Background:**

On July 22, 2014, your Board approved a waiver for the mPOWER processing fee of \$1,300 for non-residential and \$500 for residential for all applications received during the three months of August to October 2014 that included a water conservation improvement in excess of \$1,000. During that time, the program funded 22 residential water conservation applications. The total amount funded for water conservation was \$145,458 and the total amount of all improvements funded on those 22 applications was \$754,253.46.

In an effort to continue to encourage applicants to consider water conservation improvements, given the continuing drought conditions, your Board is being asked to again approve a waiver of the processing fees of \$1,300 for non-residential and \$500 for residential for all applications received during the months of May to October 2015 that include a water conservation improvement in excess of \$1,500. The package of water conservation measures that may be installed include low-flow fixtures, high efficiency nozzles and drip systems, improved hot water delivery, and artificial turf. It is estimated that a doubling of water conservation measures in excess of \$1,500 over the six month period would result in a one-time revenue reduction of \$22,000 to \$57,200.

**Fiscal Impact:**

It is estimated the program revenues could be reduced by \$22,000 to \$57,200 to incentivize the installation of water conservation measures.

