

**Memorandum**  
**Office of Jenine Windeshausen**  
**Treasurer-Tax Collector**



TO: Board of Supervisors  
FROM: Jenine Windeshausen Treasurer-Tax Collector  
SUBJECT: mPOWER Water Conservation Fee Waiver

DATE: March 22, 2016

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**ACTION REQUESTED:**

Approve waiver of the mPOWER processing fee of \$1,300 per non-residential and \$500 per residential for any application that includes a water conservation component of at least \$1,500 or more for applications received between May 1, and October 31, 2016.

**BACKGROUND**

On May 5, 2015 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 six months of May to October 2015 that included a water conservation improvement in excess of \$1,500. During that time, the program approved 23 residential water conservation applications. The total amount funded for water conservation was \$192,830.26. The mPOWER program experienced a one-time revenue reduction of \$11,500 from the 23 projects.

Previously, 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.

On February 2, 2016 the State Water Resources Control Board adopted, extended and revised the emergency conservation measures through regulation to ensure that urban water conservation measures continue through 2016 and possibly later.

In an effort to encourage applicants to install water conservation improvements, given the continued State conservation requirements, your Board is being asked again to 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 2016 that include water conservation improvements greater than \$1,500. The package of water conservation measures that may be installed include low-flow fixtures, high efficiency nozzles and drip system, improved hot water delivery, artificial turf and pavers. It is estimated that a doubling of water conservation measures in excess of \$1,500 over the six month period would result in an estimated one-time revenue reduction of \$11,500 to \$25,000.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

It is estimated that the program revenues could be reduced by \$11,000 to \$25,000 to incentive the installation of water conservation measures.