



Visitor-Serving Businesses Must Replace Inefficient Toilets

District rules require that all visitor serving facilities such as hotels, restaurants, convention centers and service stations replace inefficient toilets with ultra low-flush models by December 31, 2000.

Study to Determine Actual Savings Achieved by Toilet Retrofits

Each toilet replaced by an ultra-low flush model is believed to save about 0.023 acre-feet of water each year. In January 1999, the Board of Directors commissioned a study that will utilize water use records of local Cal-Am customers that have retrofitted to determine if these water savings are actually achieved.

Water Credit Transfers

District rules allow the transfer of water credits from one commercial building site to another. Water credits from a commercial site can also be transferred directly into a jurisdiction's allocation, where it can be applied to any use the jurisdiction deems appropriate. In 1999, the District contracted with a local firm to determine what level of environmental review would be required to assess the effects of a new program that would address reuse of commercial and residential water credits.

The Board deferred action on development of a new water credit transfer program until more specific information on actual water savings and compliance with Order 95-10 is available.