



RESOLUTION NO. 2011-04

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
MONTEREY PENINSULA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
ADOPTING GUIDELINES FOR AND LIFTING THE SUSPENSION OF
THE LAWN REMOVAL REBATE PROGRAM**

WHEREAS District Rule 141 sets forth the provisions of the Water Conservation Rebate Program; and

WHEREAS, on January 27, 2011, pursuant to Resolution 2011-03, the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District (Water Management District or District) Board of Directors suspended the receipt and processing of Lawn Removal Rebate applications pending approval of program guidelines and additional funding for the Lawn Removal Rebate Program; and

WHEREAS on February 8, 2011, the California Public Utilities Commission authorized additional funding for the Rebate Program (including the Lawn Removal Rebate Program); and

WHEREAS, District staff has proposed guidelines for the Lawn Removal Rebate Program that require additional information from the applicant and clarify the qualifying criteria for the program. A copy of the proposed Guidelines is attached hereto as Attachment A; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Guidelines were reviewed and approved by the Water Demand Committee at its meeting of February 4, 2011.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDERED THAT the Board of Directors of the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District hereby resolves that the Guidelines for Lawn Removal Rebates shown as Attachment A shall be adopted by ordinance to administer the Rebate for Lawn removal and replacement with low water use plants or permeable surfaces and for Synthetic Turf installation; and

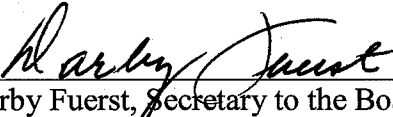
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ORDERED THAT the Board of Directors of the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District resolves that the January 27, 2011, suspension on the receipt of applications for Rebates for Lawn removal shall be rescinded upon adoption of this Resolution.

On motion of Director Brower, and second by Director Potter, the foregoing resolution is duly adopted this 24th day of February, 2011, by the following vote:

AYES: Directors Brower, Potter, Doyle, Lehman and Pendergrass
NAYS: Director Markey
ABSENT: None

I, Darby W. Fuerst, Secretary to the Board of Directors of the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District, hereby certify that the foregoing is a resolution duly adopted on the 24th day of February, 2011.

Witness my hand and seal of the Board of Directors this 29 day of March, 2011.



Darby Fuerst, Secretary to the Board of Directors

Monterey Peninsula Water Management District Lawn Replacement Rebate Guidelines

NOTE: DO NOT Remove Lawn Until You Have Been Pre-Qualified

Rebate Amounts:

Lawn Removal and Replacement: \$1.25/sq. ft* up to 5,000 sq. ft.

**Rebate amount cannot exceed the cost of materials and labor. Receipts must be provided.*

Conditions:

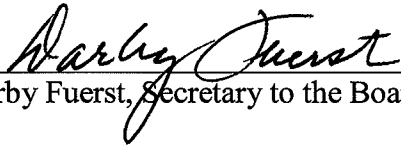
- ✓ Eligible Lawns must be green, regularly maintained at a low even height, irrigated regularly, and well taken care of. **Dead Lawns or Lawns already removed at the time of the complete application are not eligible for Rebate.**
- ✓ Minimum of 250 square-feet of Lawn must be removed.
- ✓ Water records from the water company must demonstrate regular cyclical water use indicative of seasonal Landscape irrigation within the past two years.
- ✓ Lawn must be replaced with low-water use plants or permeable surfaces (mulch, decomposed granite, Synthetic Turf, etc.). Concrete and grouted pavers do not qualify.
- ✓ Lawn must not be relocated to a different area of the site.
- ✓ If converted area is irrigated, a drip Irrigation System must be installed. Overhead irrigation is not permitted.
- ✓ Planted areas must have at least a three-inch layer of mulch-no bare soil surfaces permitted.
- ✓ Property owner must agree to a deed restriction, which is recorded on the property title. The deed restriction disallows reinstallation of the Lawn anywhere on the Site within a period of 15 years or the Rebate and additional associated costs must be repaid to the District.
- ✓ Site must be in compliance with District Rules and Regulations and/or conditions attached to District Water Permits for application to be deemed complete.

Application Process (Step by Step):

1. Download and print a Lawn Rebate Application from www.montereywaterinfo.org or www.mpwmd.net. Application forms are also available at the District office or 831-658-5601.
2. Obtain and include the two most recent years of water records from your water company.
3. Carefully measure and draw a diagram, including square footages, of all Lawn areas on your Site (include areas of Turf that will remain on site and label accordingly).
4. Take 2-3 photos of all sections of the Lawn and include a copy with your application.
5. Include a diagram and detailed description of the plants and project, including an irrigation plan.
6. Attach items 2-5 to a completed Lawn Rebate and Removal Application and submit to: Rebate Program, Post Office Box 85, Monterey, CA 93940.
7. Eligibility will be determined, and the District will notify you by letter that the proposed Lawn Removal and Replacement Project has been prequalified. You will also be contacted by telephone to schedule a pre-inspection BEFORE the lawn is removed. *Removal of Lawn before prequalification and a pre-inspection will disqualify the project for a Lawn Removal Rebate.*
8. Complete the project, submit copies of all receipts, and arrange for a final inspection.
9. Within one week of the final inspection, District staff will prepare the required deed restriction and contact the owner. The owner must sign the deed restriction before a Notary and return the documents to the District for recording. Notary service is available at the District.
10. **All steps above must be completed within 120 days of the prequalification letter.** When all steps have been completed, a Rebate will be approved for payment.

COPY CERTIFICATION

I, Darby Fuerst, Secretary to the Board of Directors of the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District, hereby certify the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of Resolution No. 2011-04 duly adopted on the 24th of February 2011.



Darby Fuerst, Secretary to the Board

3/29/2011
Date