



**RESOLUTION NO. 2011-07**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
OF THE MONTEREY PENINSULA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT  
SUSPENDING RECEIPT OF LAWN REMOVAL REBATE APPLICATIONS**

**WHEREAS**, Rebates for removal of established Lawn and replacement with low water use plants or permeable surfaces were added to the Rebate Program on January 1, 2010; and

**WHEREAS**, the Lawn removal Rebate has been successful in removing almost three acres of irrigated Lawn in the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District (MPWMD or District), which will result in water savings of approximately 4 acre-feet per year for a minimum of 15 years; and

**WHEREAS**, the Lawn Rebate results in measurable and immediate reductions in water use, it has one of the highest cost/benefit ratios in the Rebate program and one of the highest Rebate levels; and

**WHEREAS**, funding for the Rebate Program approved by the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) in the Monterey Conservation Budget for years 2009-2011 is limited and nearing conclusion; and

**WHEREAS**, the existing application process for Lawn removal Rebates is lengthy and confusing and has resulted in the Board's adoption of Guidelines in Resolution 2011-04 to clarify the process. However, these provisions must be codified in the Rules and Regulations by ordinance before they can be implemented; and

**WHEREAS**, Rebates issued by the District are on a first-come, first-serve basis, as long as funds remain available. Staff estimates that if the District continues to accept Lawn removal Rebate applications for the California American Water system, the District will exhaust the Rebate Account within two months and will be required to retire the program until future funding is available; and

**WHEREAS**, the Lawn Rebate, if continued, will significantly reduce the number of participants for the remainder of the Rebate Program; and

**WHEREAS**, it is in the District's interest to provide the largest number of Rebates possible to customers of California American Water Company for the remainder of the program so as to maintain interest until additional funding becomes available; and

**WHEREAS**, the Division of Ratepayer Advocates of the CPUC has indicated that funds collected from future California American Water General Rate Cases may not be applied to Rebates for retrofits that occurred in prior rate cases.

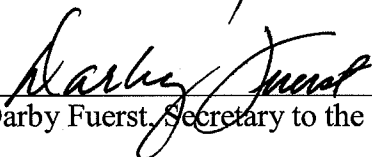
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDERED** that the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District hereby suspends the receipt and processing of Lawn removal Rebate applications in the California American Water system pending renewed availability of Rebate funds for Lawn removal Rebates.

On a motion by Director Potter and second by Director Doyle, the foregoing resolution is duly adopted this 21st day of March 2011 by the following votes.

Ayes: Directors Potter, Doyle, Brower, Lehman, Markey and Pendergrass  
Nays: None  
Absent: None

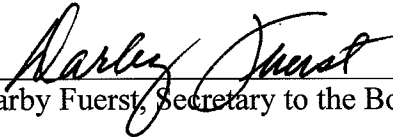
I, Darby Fuerst, Secretary to the Board of Directors of the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District, hereby certify that the foregoing is a resolution duly adopted on the 21st day of March 2011.

Witness my hand and seal of the Board of Directors this 29<sup>th</sup> day of March 2011.

  
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Darby Fuerst, Secretary to the Board

**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. 2011-07 duly adopted on the 21<sup>st</sup> of March 2011.

  
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Darby Fuerst, Secretary to the Board

3/29/2011  
Date