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City Helps Residents Ring in the New Year with Landscape Makeovers

New City Rebates Encourage Long-Term Water Conservation

SAN DIEGO – The start of the New Year always brings new resolutions. Among promises to improve oneself and one's home, there's a resolution that will save San Diegans money and conserve water. By conducting a landscape makeover and maintaining a healthy landscape, San Diego water customers may be eligible for cash-back rebates on:

- Smart Controllers
- Micro-irrigation
- Sustainable Landscapes Turf Replacement

For those who are not sure where to start or how to identify water-efficient measures for their landscape or property, the City offers a free Residential Water Survey or a Commercial Landscape Survey. City Water Conservation Program representatives are available to visit a customer's home or business and conduct a water audit on the property to find any water-saving opportunities and identify costly leaks.

"With the call for conservation, San Diegans have done a great job of conserving water and we want to support our customers integrating this water ethic as part of our long-term lifestyle," said Kyrsten Burr-Rosenthal with the City's Water Conservation Program. "This is an opportune time to start the year off by improving our landscapes now that watering times are permanent—water before 10 a.m. and after 4 p.m. from November through May."

Funded by State grants competitively sought and obtained by the City of San Diego, the rebates are available to eligible single-family, multi-family and commercial customers on a first-come, first-served basis. For program guidelines and an application, visit <u>www.sandiego.gov/water/conservation</u> or call (619) 533-7485.

The City of San Diego's Water Conservation Program reduces water demand through promoting or providing incentives for the installation of hardware that provides permanent water savings and by providing services and information to help San Diegans make better decisions about water use. For more information about Water Conservation, visit <u>www.sandiego.gov/water/conservation</u> or call (619) 515-3500.