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High-efficiency toilets saving millions

RIVERSIDE, Calif. – City of Riverside officials are touting recently installed high-efficiency toilets as modern day misers of water. They are saving millions of precious gallons in a program aimed at multi-family dwellings and hotels.

The Western Municipal Water District's high-efficiency toilet installation program ended in June.

“Riverside Public Utilities urged some of their biggest water customers to take advantage of this program before it ended,” said City Councilmember Rusty Bailey and chair of the city's Utility Services/Land Use Committee. “Eight of their customers installed 976 toilets in 13 different locations. The savings will be more than 13 million gallons with the first year and it didn't cost the city or the customers anything.”

Customers included the Mission Inn, the University of California – Riverside, Mount Rubidoux Manor and the Quality Inn of Riverside.

Councilmember Bailey estimated that the total annual dollars savings for these customers will be \$40,000.

“These toilets will save 270 million gallons of water over the next 20 years,” he continued. “It's not only water we're saving. It may also be saving a future for the next generation.”

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Established in 1895, Riverside Public Utilities is a consumer-owned water and electric utility governed by a board of nine community volunteers that provides high quality, reliable services to over 107,000 metered electric customers and 63,400 metered water customers throughout the City of Riverside. The Utility is committed to increased use of renewable energy resources and sustainable living practices that help reduce environmental impacts within the City of Riverside and the state of California.

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