November 30, 2012

Craig Roepke, Deputy Director
Interstate Stream Commission
407 Galisteo Street
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87504

Subject: Municipal Water Conservation Project-Trial Implementation

Dear Mr. Roepke,

The City of Deming completed a Water Audit using OSE/ ISC guidelines for the years 2007 thru 2011. High water demand periods identified were during June thru September. Increases in demand were from watering vegetation and use of evaporative coolers. Both uses loose significant amounts of water through evaporation.

This proposal describes implementation of two trial projects for the City of Deming. The attached spreadsheet identifies the scope and costs. The intent of the Zeriscape and Refrigerated Air Conditioning rebate projects will be to reduce water losses from evaporation.

Zeriscape Rebates will be applicable to removal areas where cultivated turf grass with spray irrigation was used. The attached Albuquerque Bernalillo County program will be used as a guideline for Deming’s program. Initially our program will only address turf grass removal areas. Future programs may incorporate use of drip irrigation and rainwater harvesting depending on funding.

Refrigerated Air Rebates will be given to homeowners that replace evaporative coolers with refrigerated air units rated at a Seasonal Energy Efficiency Ratio (SEER) of 16 or higher. Average installation costs including required electrical work for a 1,800 square foot house are $10,000.00. The rebate will pay for 10% of the conversion costs. Deming’s rebate program will parallel an existing residential refrigerated cooling rebate program administered by El Paso Electric (copy attached). One change from the El Paso Electric program will be to qualify for a rebate the replacement will have to be preapproved. Preapproval will ensure the intent of the program is met and to control program costs.
Program effectiveness will be tracked from a 12 month comparison of the participant’s water bill before and after implementation of the rebate project. Project success, public input and available funding will dictate future water conservation projects.

I can be reached at (575) 546-8848 or email at lbrookey@cityofdeming if further information is required.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Lawrence Brookey
Public Works Director
### CITY OF DEMING
### MUNICIPAL WATER CONSERVATION PROJECTS-TRIAL IMPLEMENTATION

$50,000 Grant with 30% Match

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**5 Year Water Audit**

Project costs reflect summer intern reimbursements to develop the Water Audit.

**Zeriscape Rebates**

Annual water saved using a 3 ac-ft per season watering schedule.
Estimated quantity represents 5 yards @ 6000 square feet each.

**Air Conditioner Rebates**

Annual water savings per year using a summer season of 140 days per unit replaced.

**Brick in Toilet Tanks**

Project costs reflect public education (utility bill stuffers and newspaper articles) on water conservation need and practices. Public will be responsible for supplying 3 5/8" X 2 1/4" X 8" brick at 0.3 gal displacement.
XERISCAPE REBATE APPLICATION FORM FOR
DRIP IRRIGATION AND RAINWATER HARVESTING LANDSCAPES

HOW TO PARTICIPATE
1) DECIDE WHAT TYPE OF LANDSCAPE YOU WANT TO INSTALL. You can combine the two in different areas of your yard if desired.
2) DEVELOP A PLAN — Use the approved Plant list. Draw a simple diagram on the form provided by the Authority. List each plant to be used on the form provided by the Authority. Use the numbered lines from your list to identify the plants on your landscape drawing. HAVE YOUR APPLICATION PREPARED PRIOR TO INSPECTION.
3) CALL 768-3655 to have an Authority inspector visit you at the property to review your application. When your application has been approved, you may begin your project. Funding will be reserved for the anticipated amount of your rebate.
4) PROCEED WITH YOUR PROJECT. You have six months after your application is approved to complete your project. You may apply for a project extension if rebate funds are still available.
5) CALL 768-3655 to arrange for a final inspection. Following final approval, the Authority will apply the rebate credit to your ABCWUA water bill. Your rebate should appear on your water bill one to two billing cycles after your form is processed.
6) REBATE CREDITS CANNOT BE GIVEN TO WORK THAT IS ALREADY COMPLETED.

Drip Irrigation Program Requirements

1) Your landscape irrigation water must be provided by the Albuquerque Bernalillo County Water Utility Authority.
2) Any landscape removed must be designated high water use on cultivated turfgrass with cultivated turfgrass with spray irrigation. An ABCWUA inspector must approve your application before you proceed. Pre-existing low water use landscapes are not eligible.
3) Fifty percent of the project rebate area must be covered by plants, as they appear at maturity — not at installation. You select the qualifying plants from the list provided by the Authority and claim the mature plant area noted on the approved plant list. Existing plant may be incorporated into the design and contribute to coverage provided they are on the approved list. Although trees do not provide ground cover, the Authority recognizes their importance by assigning a fixed ground cover value to approved trees.
4) Spray irrigation is not permitted in the rebate area. You may hand water or use drip soakers or bubble irrigation systems. If you hand water, plants must be one gallon or larger container stock. Areas watered with sprinkles, including micro-sprinkles, will not disqualify your project, but will be excluded from the rebate calculation. Existing sprinkles may be converted to a drip system. All irrigation systems must have an approved backflow prevention device.
5) You must cover the soil between and beneath the plants with a minimum 2 inches of mulch (3 to 4 inches is recommended). Common mulches are gravel or decorative bark, but other materials may qualify. Impervious plastic is not permitted, unless it is part of a water harvesting design.
6) Qualifying landscapes will receive a maximum of $1.00 for every square foot of high water use turf that is converted.
7) You must convert a minimum of 500 square feet to participate.
8) You may receive additional rebate money for COMPOST or RENTAL OF EQUIPMENT to remove sod. See abcwua.org for details.

Note: Rebate credits must remain at the address where the water conservation work has taken place. You may not transfer the credit from the location of the savings to another account, even if both properties are owned by the same person.
Rain Water Harvesting Landscape Program Requirements

1) Your landscape irrigation water must be provided by the Albuquerque Bernalillo County Water Utility Authority.
2) Any landscape removed must be designated high water use on the Albuquerque Plant List. An ABCWUA inspector must approve your application before you proceed. Pre-existing low water use landscapes are not eligible.
3) Fifty percent of the project rebate area must be covered by plants, as they appear at maturity—not at installation. You select the qualifying plants from the list provided by the Authority and claim the mature plant area noted on the approved plant list. Existing plant may be incorporated into the design and contribute to coverage, provided they are on the approved list. Although trees do not provide ground cover, the Authority recognizes their importance by assigning a fixed ground cover value to approved trees.
4) All plants in the rainwater harvest landscape must come from the approved VERY LOW WATER USE PLANT LIST (attached).
5) All irrigation water for the plants must be delivered through harvested rainwater either passively or actively. Passive methods are contouring the land to direct rainwater to desired areas. Active methods are collecting the water in barrels or cisterns and then distributing to plants. You can receive additional rebates for rainwater harvesting barrels or cisterns purchased.
6) You must cover the soil between and beneath the plants with a minimum 2 inches of mulch (3 to 4 inches is recommended). Common mulches are gravel or decorative bark, but other materials may qualify. Impervious plastic is not permitted, unless it is part of a water harvesting design.
7) Qualifying landscapes will receive a maximum of $1.50 for every square foot of high water use landscape that is converted.
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Albuquerque Bernalillo County
Water Utility Authority

Rebate Number ____________

XERISCAPE REBATE APPLICATION FORM
For Drip Irrigation & Rain Water Harvesting Landscapes
Complete this form and call 768-3655 for an appointment.

Property Owner ____________________________________________________________

Address ___________________________________________________________________

City __________________________ State __________ Zip ________________

Day Phone ___________________________ Evening Phone ______________________

Water Account Number _____________________________________________________

TO COMPLETE THIS APPLICATION FORM:

1) Measure the high water use area to be converted—Line A below

2) Plant coverage required is half of figure A—Line B below

3) The plant list in the back of the Xeriscape Guide assigns low to moderate use for plants

4) Rebate Allowance is mature plant values from Xeriscape guide.

A. ____________ Square feet of high water use landscape to be removed (must be a minimum 500 square feet).

B. ____________ Square feet of plant cover required (A. divided by 2)

C. ____________ Amount of rebate to be credited to the above account number.
# DRIP IRRIGATION XERISCAPE REBATE APPLICATION FORM

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**MEDIUM WATER SUB TOTAL**

**TOTAL COVERAGE**

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**I am the rightful owner or owner’s agent for the property described above.**

**I am the responsible party for water use and billing at the address described above.**

I agree to abide by the requirements of this program. This application has been accurately completed, and the information herein is intended to meet the incentive program requirements. I understand that the ABCWUA is only qualifying my plan for this program and not deeming the plan to be appropriate to meet any other specific purpose or need.

**Owner's Signature**

**Date**

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**ABCWUA USE ONLY**

I have inspected the area to be converted and the conversion plan. This applicant is eligible to proceed with installation.

**ABCWUA Inspector**

**Date**

This property has been converted and meets the requirements for this program.

**Qualifying square footage:**

**ABCWUA Inspector**

**Date**

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## Rain Water Harvesting Rebate Application Form

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Owner’s Signature ________________________________
Date ____________________

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**ABCWUA Use Only**

I have inspected the area to be converted and the conversion plan. This applicant is eligible to proceed with installation.

ABCWUA Inspector __________________ Date __________

This property has been converted and meets the requirements for this program.
Qualifying square footage: ____________

ABCWUA Inspector __________________ Date __________
Xeriscape Rebates

Xeriscape Rebate Requirements

1. Your landscape irrigation water must be provided by the Water Authority.

2. Any landscape removed must be designated as high water use on the Albuquerque Plant List. A Water Authority Inspector must approve any application before you proceed. Pre-existing low water use landscapes are not eligible.

3. Select landscape plants from the Water Utility’s “How To Guide to Xeriscaping”.

4. Fifty percent of the project rebate area must be covered by plants, as they will appear at maturity—not at installation. You select the qualifying plants from the list provided by the Water Authority and claim the mature plant area noted on the approved plant list. Existing plants may be incorporated into the design and contribute to coverage, provided they are on the approved plant list. The Water Authority recognizes the importance of trees by assigning a fixed groundcover value to approved trees.

5. Spray irrigation is not permitted in the rebate area. You may hand water or use drip, soaker or bubbler irrigation systems. If you hand water, plants must be on one gallon or larger container stock. Areas watered with sprinklers, including micro-sprinklers, will not disqualify your project, but will be excluded from the rebate calculation. Existing sprinklers may be converted to a drip system. All irrigation systems must have an approved backflow prevention device.

6. You must cover the soil between and beneath the plants with a minimum 2 inches of mulch (3 to 4 inches is recommended). Common mulches are gravel or decorative bark, but other materials may qualify. Impervious plastic is not permitted, unless it is part of a water harvesting design.

7. You will receive a water bill credit of $1.00 for every square foot of qualifying landscape. You must convert a minimum of 500 square feet to participate.

The Rainwater Harvesting Landscape Rebate

The rebate amount has increased to $1.50 per square foot. The minimum remains at 500 square feet, and the maximum is 2000 square feet for eligible landscape conversions.

Plant coverage must still be 50%, but all of the plants must be from the low water use designation on the Rainwater Harvest Plant List. These plants are native or xeric adapted to live on the 8 inches of natural rainfall that occurs in Albuquerque. A rainwater collection or redirection system must also be a part of the plan, which must be approved by the Water Utility’s Xeriscape Inspector. In order to allow for root establishment and development, supplemental irrigation is allowed for a two-year period for shrubs and grasses, and a three-year period for trees.

Water Authority News

Install Water Line on Palm Avenue between 59th and 51st Streets

Community Input Wanted on Conservation

Install Water Line on Comanche between San Mateo and Palo Duro

New Sanitary Sewer Manhole On Pastoricito East of Flor Silvestre

2012 Report to the Community

Water Authority Deploying Automated Meter-Reading Technology

Work Begins September 17th at Intersection of Mary Ellen Street NE and Almy South of Love Street NE

Install Water Line on La Plata from 4th Street Eastward

http://www.abcwua.org/content/view/132/222/ 11/6/2012
X2 Plan

Commercial account holders who replace turf in small areas (10 feet or less in any dimension) or on steep slopes (at least 6:1) can qualify for a rebate of $1.50 per square foot under the X2 plan. Call 768-3655 for more information.

Steps to Obtain Rebate:

1. Develop a Plan
   Print the Xeriscape Rebate Application Form (1.2MB PDF). Use the approved plant list to select plants. Draw a simple diagram on the form (see example). List each plant to be used on the form. Use the numbered lines from your list to identify the plants on your landscape drawing.

2. Call 768-3655 to have a Water Authority inspector visit you at the property to review your application and to see the existing landscape. When your application has been approved, you may begin your project. Funding will be reserved for the anticipated amount of your rebate.

3. Proceed with your project.
   You have six months after your application is approved to complete your project. You may apply for a project extension if rebate funds are still available.

4. Call 768-3655 to arrange for a final inspection. Following final approval, the Water Authority will apply the rebate credit to your water bill.

Last Updated (Tuesday, 27 March 2012)
EPESaver™ Residential Refrigerated Cooling Rebate Program

Improve Your Comfort. Save Energy. New Mexico

Did you know that heating and cooling account for the majority of your monthly energy bill? If your household doesn’t have an ENERGY STAR® qualified heating and air conditioning system, you are likely missing out on significant energy savings.

The EPESaver Residential Refrigerated Cooling Rebate Program can help you reduce your energy bills through improvements in efficiency. The Program provides cash incentives to residential customers or contractors that install high efficiency heating and air conditioning systems in new and existing residential dwellings.

Incentives vary depending on the type of system installed and the efficiency of the unit. Note, only ENERGY STAR® qualified matched systems are eligible.

The Knowledge You Need.

ENERGY STAR® is a national standard for energy efficient consumer products. In order for heating and air conditioning systems to earn this label, they must meet stringent efficiency standards set by the Environmental Protection Agency.

In order to be eligible to receive a rebate, new systems must include both the outdoor and indoor units meeting the minimum program Seasonal Energy Efficiency Ratio (SEER) and Energy Efficiency Ratio (EER) levels. SEER and EER ratings are used to measure the efficiency of a central air conditioner. The higher the SEER or EER rating, the more efficient the system.

In addition, AHRI reference numbers must match on all units and the new system must have a capacity of less than 65,000 BTU/Hr (5.4 tons) in order to receive the rebate.

What Is the AHRI (formerly known as ARI) Reference #?

AHRI stands for the Air-Conditioning, Heating, & Refrigeration Institute. To qualify for the EPESaver Residential Refrigerated Cooling rebate, your system must have earned an AHRI Performance Certified™ seal, and been assigned an AHRI reference number. Through this AHRI Reference number, El Paso Electric can verify that the installed unit has met the rebate program minimum efficiency requirements.

For more information about AHRI, please visit www.ahrinet.org.

For more information on how to determine the AHRI reference number of your system please visit www.ahridirectory.org or call your local contractor.

Participation Made Easy.

1. Select a contractor of your choice. A list of contractors participating in the EPESaver Cooling Rebate Program is available on the EPESaver Website: www.epesaver.com. All refrigerated cooling systems must be installed by a licensed HVAC contractor to be eligible.

2. Your contractor will help you select an ENERGY STAR® qualified system, provide you with an estimate for the work, and help you fill out the EPESaver Cooling Rebate Form. Additional copies of the rebate form can be downloaded from EPESaver Website: www.epesaver.com.

3. After your system is installed by the contractor, your rebate will be sent directly to you. Rebate checks will be mailed within 4-6 weeks of receiving the rebate form.

Rebates are issued on a first come, first served basis until funding is exhausted or the program is changed. All rebates are subject to approval by EPE’s Program Manager.
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| Ground Source Heat Pump            | Open Loop  
>3.6 COP (Heating)  
>16.2 EER (Cooling)  
Closed Loop  
>3.3 COP (Heating)  
>14.1 EER (Cooling)  
Direct Expansion (DX)  
>3.5 COP (Heating)  
>15.0 EER (Cooling) | $600            |

*For more information please visit www.ahridirectory.org or call your local contractor*
**EPESaver™ Refrigerated Cooling Rebate**

**Application Form**

**New Mexico**

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**EPE Customer Information**

In order to be eligible for rebates, rebate forms with a copy of receipt or contractor invoice must be received at the address below. Rebate processing takes approximately 4-6 weeks. Terms and conditions subject to change without notice.

**EPESaver Rebate Center**
1515 S Capital of Texas Hwy,
Suite 110
Austin, TX 78746

* Rebate check will be mailed to the account address unless a different mailing address is provided

** Rebate check will be made out to landlord if entered

* AC=Air Conditioning  HP=Heat Pump

GSHP=Ground Source Heat Pump

** Includes Coil # and EXP Value/TDR if installed

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**Equipment Information**

(Must complete all fields)

- **AHRI Reference#:**
- **SEER Rating:**
- **EER Rating:**

- **HSPF Rating:** (Heat Pump Only)

- **System Type:**
  - [ ] AC
  - [ ] HP
  - [ ] GSHP

- **Capacity of Installed system:** Btu/hr

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**Contractor Information**

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**Applicant Acknowledgement**

(signed by EPE customer if owner occupied or landlord if renter occupied)

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**Optional Payment Release Authorization**

(signed by EPE customer if owner occupied or landlord if renter occupied)

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By signing below, I acknowledge that: (1) the equipment listed herein has been installed to my satisfaction; (2) if contacted by EPE or Frontier Associates, I agree to allow access to my property to inspect the equipment; (3) neither EPE nor Frontier Associates assumes any liability whatsoever relating to the equipment installed, its installation or performance and (4) all information provided in this application form is accurate to the best of my knowledge.

**Applicant Signature**

**Date**

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By signing below, I am authorizing the payment of the rebate to the contractor (named above), and I understand that I will not be receiving the incentive payment from El Paso Electric.

**Applicant Signature**

**Date**

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