SWEETWATER SPRINGS WATER DISTRICT

TO: Board of Directors **AGENDA NO. V-G**

FROM: Steve Mack, General Manager

Meeting Date: November 3, 2011

SUBJECT: DISCUSSION/ACTION RE TOILET DIRECT INSTALL PROGRAM

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Receive a report on the possibilities of a District-financed toilet direct install program for areas not served by the Russian River County Sanitation District.

FISCAL IMPACT: unknown, but covered by grant from Sonoma County Water Agency.

DISCUSSION:

At the October 7, 2011 Board meeting, Board members inquired about the possibility of having a toilet direct install program similar to that done by the Russian River County Sanitation District (RRCSD) for its customers for District customers who are not served by RRCSD, in addition to the current toilet rebate program.

The RRCSD program is being offered again to RRCSD customers and RRCSD is actively promoting it with postcard mailers and periodic table displays at the Guerneville Safeway. In the program one signs up for the direct install program with SCWA, SCWA authorizes the customer installation and gives the customer an authorization number, and the customer then schedules with private contractors working with the program to have the toilets installed. In 2009 and 2010 RRCSD has had 377 toilets installed through this program. My understanding is the average cost is approximately $450 per toilet installation.

I have contacted SCWA staff about using the SCWA funding to add direct install to our program so non-RRCSD Sweetwater Springs Water District (SSWD) customers (mostly Monte Rio) can have access to this program. They are enthusiastic about this and are looking into the possibility of extending their effort to these customers with SSWD reimbursement from the SCWA grant and other ways to help make this happen. We are having a meeting on November 10 to discuss this.