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# Tablet Technology: an automated & paperless office

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#### **Session Overview**

City of Santa Rosa & Water-Use Efficiency

Programs & Accomplishments

Paperless Technology

Q&A





## **Overview: City of Santa Rosa**

- Population = 169,000
- Provide service to:
  - 44,000 Residential
  - 3,000 MFR
  - 3,000 CII

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- 1,700 Dedicated irrigation
- 39 Recycled water
- Deliver 20,000 acre-feet of water per year
- Treat 6 Billion gal/year







### Water Use Efficiency Programs

- Rebates & Incentives
- Residential Check-ups
  - Indoor & Outdoor
  - Free Hardware
- Outreach & Education
  - Public Events
  - Free Workshops
  - Free Literature
  - Website & Current Technology
- Tools

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- ROI Calculator
- Turf-Time









### Accomplishments

- 4,500+ acre feet of water savings
  - 1.5 billion gallons per year
- 50,000 toilets upgrades
- Nearly 2 million square feet of lawn removed
- 1,200 field audits/surveys per year







## Why go paperless?



#### "It's not a faith in technology. It's faith in people." Steve Jobs





### **Anticipated Benefits**

- Save staff time
- Improve customer service
- Provide consistent, professional information
- Conserve resources
- Automate data entry
- Save money!

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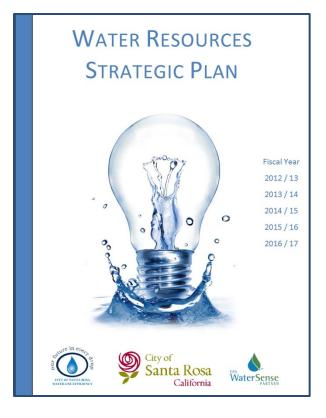


#### **Created in Response to**

#### Strategic Plan

- Improve operational efficiency
- Created in response to SB 407
  - Indoor water fixture efficiency









## SB 407 Workgroup

- Diverse stakeholder group
  - Define how customers become compliant
  - Determine how to track compliance







## The Rating System



#### **Forms-Indoor**



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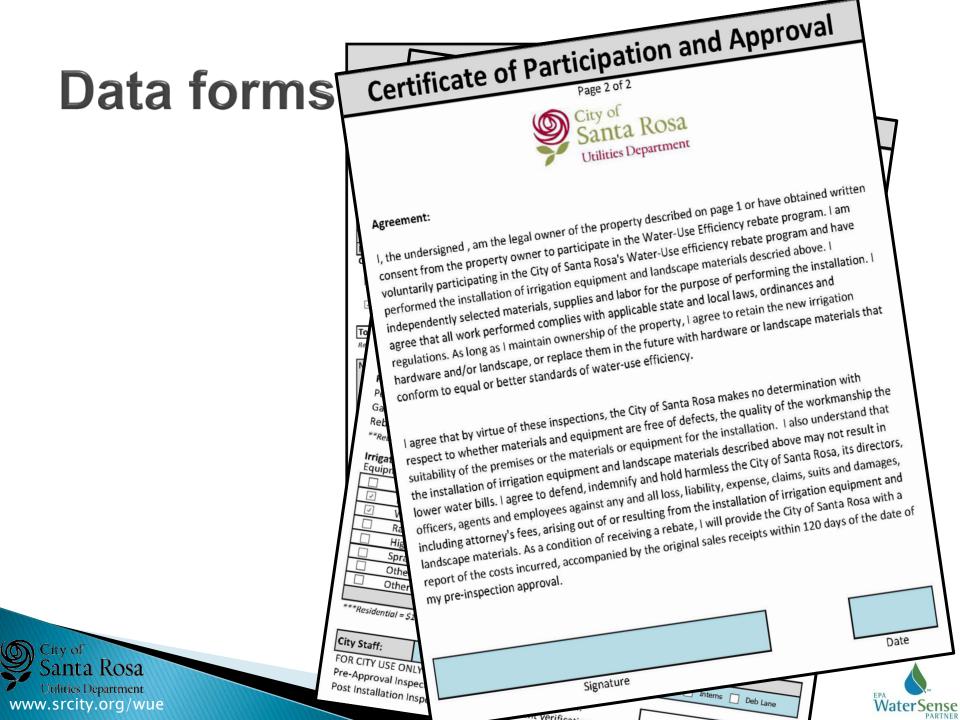
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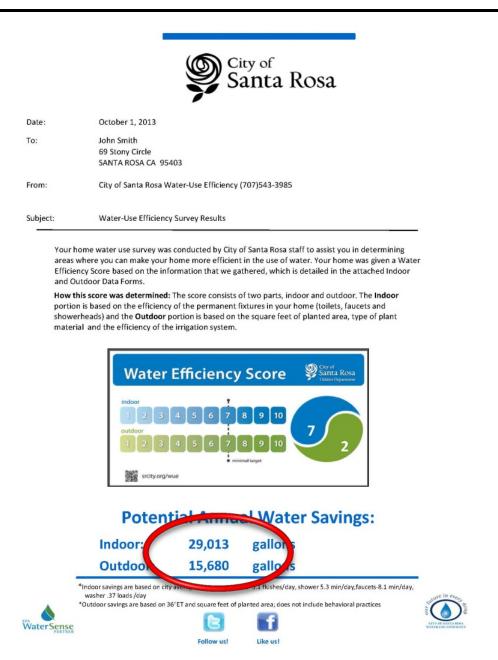


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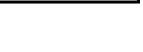
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Water Sense



Summary Report

During our inspection we found some simple things that you can do to save water and increase your score. Once you have made the recommended changes, contact us to update your score and we will send you a metal sign like the one shown in this report

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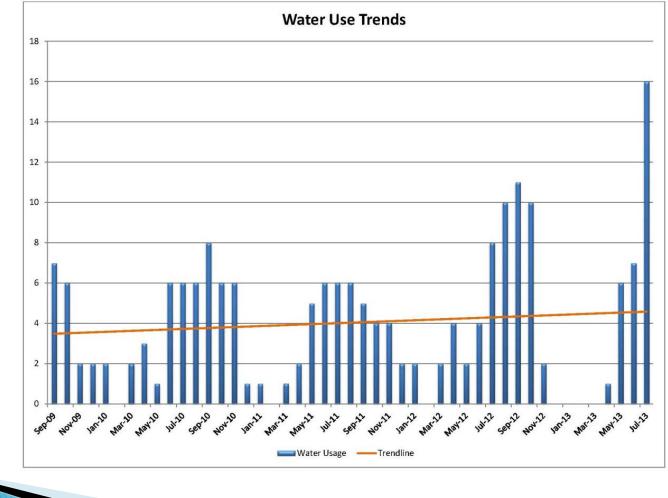
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### Difficulties

#### Time

- Working with other databases
  - Water Use Efficiency for tracking audits
  - Utility Billing for customer account information
  - Community Development for SB 407
- Training
  - Resistance to change
- Built in Excel







#### **Customer Benefits**



- Easier to read and understand
  - How much can be saved with efficient fixtures
- Much more useful and personalized information given to customer
- Consistent information is provided to each customer
- Report emailed to customer with links to resources and how to videos





## **Benefits to the City**



- Report and audit data is easily accessed by all staff
- Automated data entry = fewer mistakes
  - Audits and rebates are automatically entered into our tracking database
- Saves time
- Saves supplies: paper, folders, brochures etc.





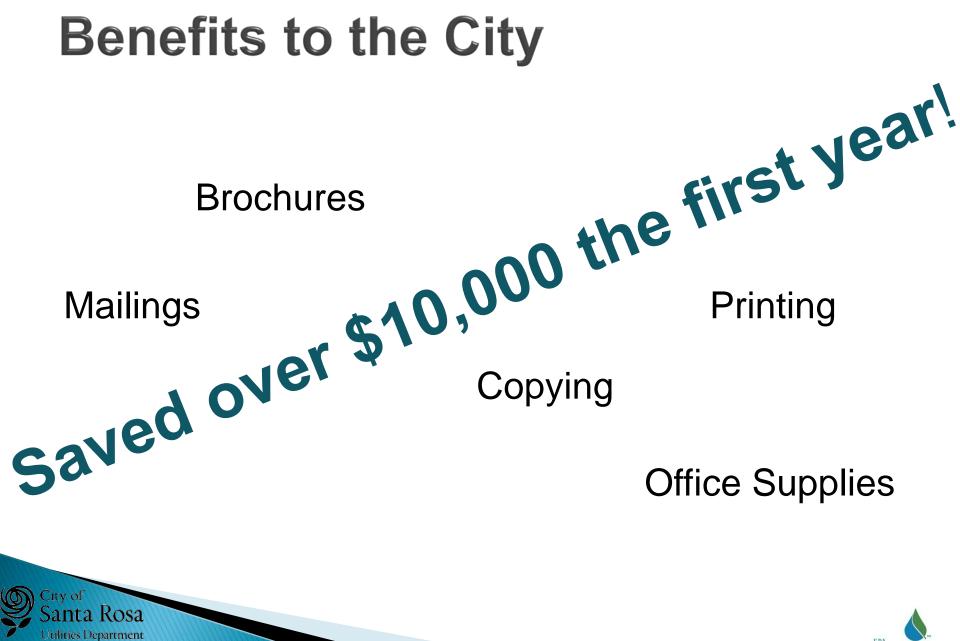
## Benefits to the City (cont.)

- Increased interest in programs
- More involved customers
  - Staff explains results on site
  - Customer calls when they receive the report with further questions
- Increased water savings
  - Added attendance in workshops









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#### Questions



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