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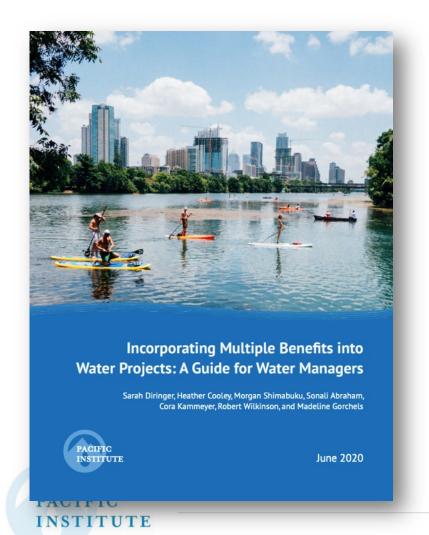
Stacked Incentives: Co-Funding Water Customer Incentive Programs

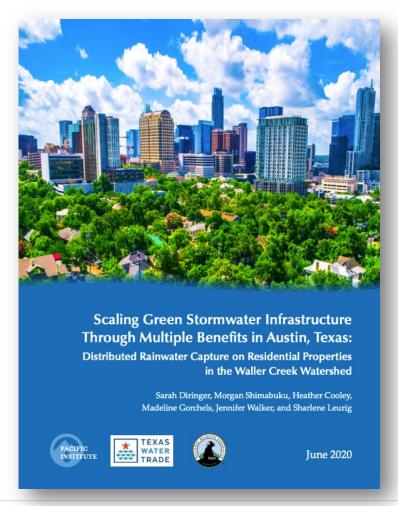
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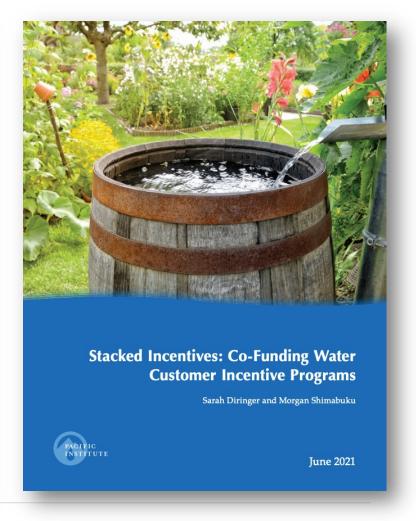




Advancing sustainable water management through multiple benefits







"Stacked Incentives" are customer incentive programs that are co-funded by two or more separate entities.

Rebates and Discounts

Technical Assistance

Educational Programs









These programs are happening throughout the country.

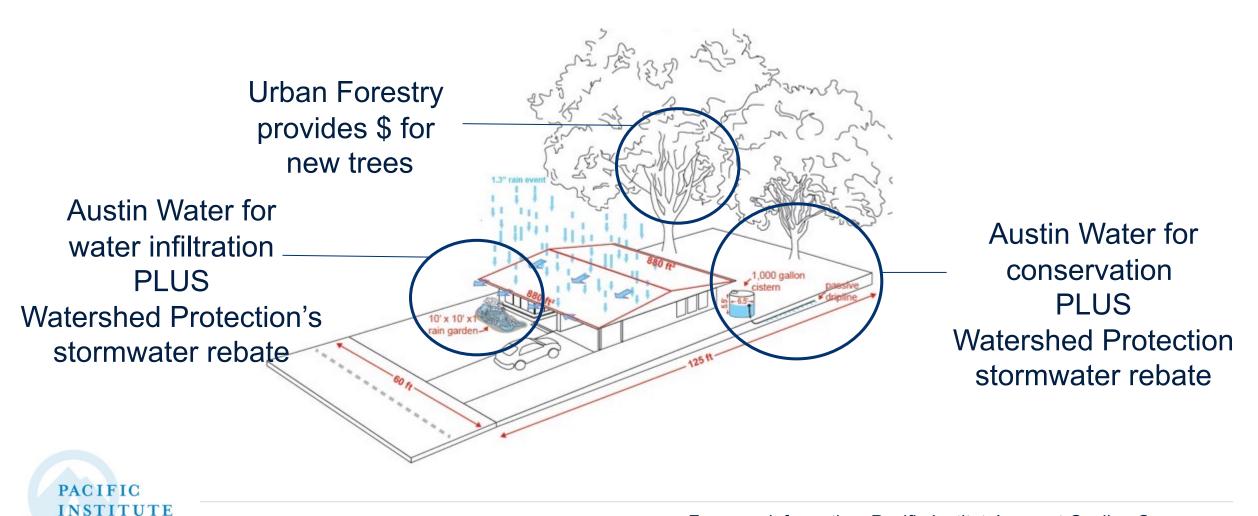


Keys to Successful Stacked Incentive Programs





Example: Rainwater Capture on Residential Properties in Austin, Texas



Stacked Incentives in SD County for Residential, Commercial, and Agricultural Customers

Program	SoCal Water\$mart	San Diego County Water Authority Our Region's Trusted Water Leader		TOTAL
Turf Replacement	\$2/ sq. ft	\$1/ sq. ft.	\$1/ sq. ft.	\$4/sq. ft.
Weather-Based Irrigation Controllers	\$35/station		\$25/station	\$60/station
Rain Barrels	\$35/barrel		\$30/barrel	\$65/barrel
Cisterns	\$250- \$350/cistern		\$100/cistern	Up to \$450/cistern
Agricultural Irrigation Efficiency Program		Up to \$5,000/grower	Matched funding to support more projects	

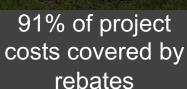
Website: https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/dpw/watersheds/RebatesIncentives.html



Example: Landscape Optimization service

Start-to-finish assistance for large landscapes to remove unused turf and upgrade irrigation systems, including tailoring of rebate packages and support for long-term water management success.







75% estimated reduction in water use



Estimated HOA cost savings of \$200,000 over 10 years

Nearly 1 AF dry weather flow reduced

transformed

37,000 sq. ft.

Slide Provided by Megan Chery, Environmental Incentives

Contributing to Water Equity

- Increasing total incentive or reaching more customers
- Reducing burden of engaging with incentive programs
- Engaging historically "hard-to-reach" customers





Key Findings



Water managers are implementing stacked incentives throughout the country.



Stacked incentives help increase funding for multi-benefit projects and programs.



Third-party coordinators help achieve successful programs.



Stacked incentive programs *may* help deliver more equitable programs.



Stacked incentives can provide opportunities to build local water and climate resilience.





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