

Humboldt Community Services District

Dedicated to providing high quality, cost effective water and sewer service for our customers

PROGRAM GUIDELINES FOR RAINWATER HARVESTING REBATE COMMERCIAL OR RESIDENTIAL

General Purpose

The Humboldt Community Services District offers a financial incentive to encourage the use of rainwater as a supplement to municipal water for irrigation use. Each application will be evaluated on a first come, first served basis. Due to limited available funds, all requests may not be funded.

Eligibility

- Applicant must receive 100% of its water from the Humboldt Community Services District
- Rainwater harvesting systems must be able to store a minimum of 500 gallons
- Life expectancy of the system should be a minimum of 20 years
- **Galvanized tanks are NOT eligible, due to their short life span.** However, metal tanks with liners may be approved on a case-by-case basis. Tank specifications must be submitted for review by District staff.
- Tanks that are not UV resistant must be painted or enclosed.
- An approved backflow prevention device must be installed on the potable water service connection at the applicant property in accordance with District policy. (See Code Section 4.05.140 Cross-Connections)

“To Catch the Rain” is an open-source resource that offers additional guidance and information. You can obtain a copy through the following website (<https://www.tocatchtherain.org/>).

Rebate incentives are for a minimum of \$75 (requires a minimum of 500 gallons of storage) up to a maximum of \$1,000 based on a combination of 15 cents per gallon of tank storage capacity plus up to half of the actual cost of the parts (excluding the tank(s)) required to build a complete, operational system (labor is not reimbursable, receipts must be submitted).

Proposed rainwater projects cannot to be used for potable water systems nor can they be connected to the potable water supply system. All applicable building codes must be followed. Call (707) 443-4550 with any application questions.

To Apply

1. Submit each of the following:
 - **Application Form** – Find the application form on page 3 of this packet.
 - **Site Plan** – Layout of buildings, streets, fences, gates and proposed tank location(s).
 - **System Drawing** – Sketch of the proposed system including all design calculations, and how the water will travel from the roof to the tank and from the tank to the landscape area.
 - **Operation Guide and Maintenance Plan** – Written description of how system will function and how maintenance will be performed.

Submit your application packet to:

Fax (707) 443-0818

Email engineer@humboldtcsd.org

Mail : Humboldt Community Services District

P. O. Box 158

Cutten, CA 95534

Attn: Rainwater Catchment

2. We will contact you either by mail, phone call, or email regarding the approval of your plan.
3. After completion, submit all qualifying receipts.
4. We will contact you for a final inspection. Rebate checks will be received 3-5 weeks after the final inspection.

OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE

Operation Guide

Referring to your site plan and system drawing, describe in writing how the system will function. Include details such as type and size of collection (roof) surface; tank size, composition and location; piping and first flush details; pump type and location or other water distribution method. (You may attach separate sheets)

Maintenance Plan

Provide a detailed plan on how maintenance will be done. (You may attach separate sheets)

**Humboldt Community Services District
RAINWATER HARVESTING INCENTIVE
APPLICATION FORM**

Name(s) (as it appears on water bill):

Physical Address: _____ Zip _____

Mailing address (if different) _____ Zip _____

Contact person _____ Phone _____ Fax _____

Email address: _____

Humboldt Community Services District account number _____

Construction start date _____ Estimated completion date _____

Application Packet Must Include All of the Following:

- Site Plan
- System Drawing
- Operation Guide
- Maintenance Plan
- Application Form

Agreement

The goal of the rainwater harvesting incentive program is to encourage rate payers to install catchment systems if they desire to do so. The undersigned participant understands and agrees that rebated systems must be maintained and remain operational for at least five years, or the District is entitled to recover the entire amount of the rebate. Only customers of the Humboldt Community Services District are eligible. The District makes no claims as to the safety or reliability of installed equipment or resulting water.

The participant agrees that the water is to be for non-potable uses only.

I agree to the terms of the Humboldt Community Services District Rainwater Harvesting Incentive Program.

Signature: _____

Printed name: _____

Date: _____