



Utility Commission

Division Update – Water Conservation

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SUBJECT: Divisional Update – March 2026

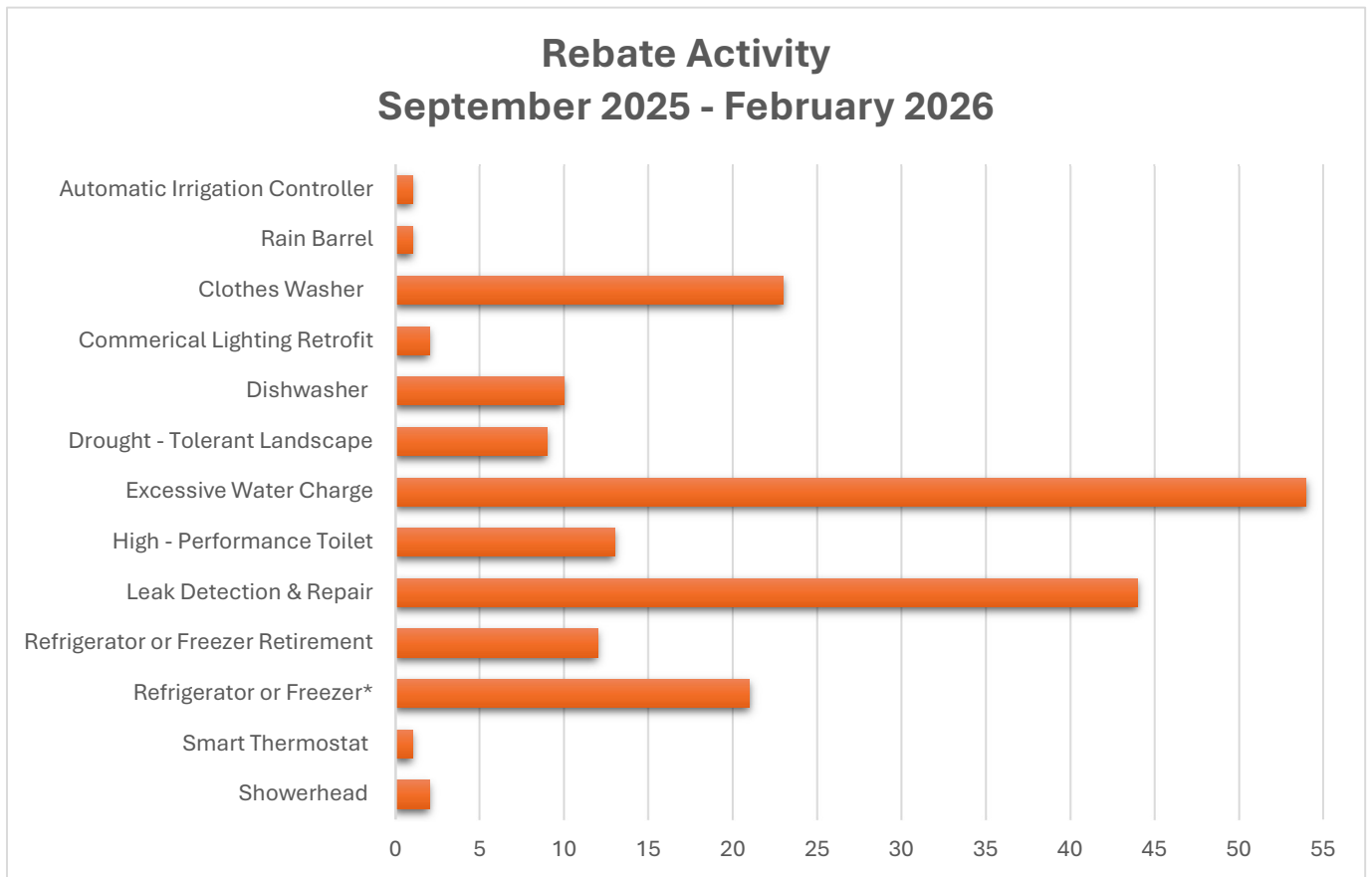
During the reporting period, the Utility Conservation Team completed Leak Reports across all account groups and supported core program administration, including rebate processing, customer verifications, and Electric Rate Assistance (ERA) benefit distributions. Required state reporting was maintained with timely submission of January and February Single Urban Drought & Conservation reports, while staff also supported billing operations and resolved customer and meter-related issues.

Customer outreach and community engagement remained a key focus. Staff participated in Read Across America Week, expanded rebate awareness through local vendor partnerships, and advanced planning for multiple outreach events, including Earth Day, “Touch-a-Truck” library events, and the Guadalupe–Lompoc Initiative (GLI) Resilience Night and wrap-up event. Preparations also began for the upcoming Holiday Lights Exchange program through coordination of bill inserts.

The Division continued advancing strategic projects and partnerships, including significant progress on the WaterSmart Demonstration Gardens at the Water Treatment Plant through securing materials, identifying community partners, and exploring workforce development opportunities. Staff also progressed the Ground Fault Circuit Interrupter initiative and coordinated energy-related program updates, including enhancements to rebate applications and training for solar customers.

The Utility Conservation Coordinator supported compliance, financial oversight, and interagency coordination by approving rebate invoices, initiating the FY2027 Professional Services Agreement for rebate processing services, and responding to Public Records Requests. The Coordinator and Team actively participated in regional and statewide working groups and collaborations, including the Northern California Power Agency, County of Santa Barbara initiatives, and GLI committees, while also advancing the application for the American Public Power Association’s Smart Energy Provider designation.

Utility Conservation Rebate Activity



Water Leak Detection and Repair Program

February 2026		
Rebate	Number of Rebates	Amount Paid to Customers
Leak Detection & Repair	6	\$4,792.46
Excessive Water Charge	8	\$510.72
Total	14	\$5,303.18

