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**COUNCILMEMBER GREUEL ASKS DWP TO CREATE
INCENTIVES TO PROMOTE WATER CONSERVATION
TECHNOLOGY**

In an effort to promote water conservation, Council President Pro Tem Wendy Greuel today asked the Department of Water and Power to develop a program that offers incentives to rate-payers who install "smart meter" sprinkler systems. "Smart meter" technology utilizes wireless weather data to regulate irrigation systems to adapt water use to actual water needs, helping to prevent over-watering.

"The benefits of 'smart meter' technology are numerous," said Councilmember Greuel. "If DWP can create incentives to move people to install this technology, we will enjoy the benefits of increased water conservation, lower utility bills, and reduction of excess water runoff which can lead to standing water hazards and damage to city streets."

The city's Department of Recreation and Parks recently conducted a pilot study of the use of "smart meter" systems and found an average reduction of 27 percent in landscape water use. A DWP report suggests a potential savings of 24 percent of water use when this technology is applied to single-family residences.

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