

**RESOLUTION NO. 54-15**

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
OF THE CITY OF MORRO BAY, CALIFORNIA,  
RESCINDING RESOLUTION NO. 103-95, AND ESTABLISHING A  
UTILITY DISCOUNT PROGRAM FOR ELIGIBLE CUSTOMERS**

**THE CITY COUNCIL  
City of Morro Bay, California**

**WHEREAS**, on August 28, 1995, the Morro Bay City Council adopted Resolution No. 103-95, which established economic hardship criteria, and a program for water rate adjustments; and

**WHEREAS**, the Morro Bay City Council now wishes to rescind Resolution No. 103-95; and

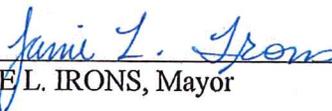
**WHEREAS**, the City Council wishes to establish the Utility Discount Program for eligible customers, and the methodology for qualifying for the program.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council of the City of Morro Bay, as follows:

1. Resolution No. 103-95, is hereby rescinded.
2. The Utility Discount Program is established, a copy of which is attached to this Resolution (the "Program").
3. The funding for the Program will come from the prior fiscal year's actual water and sewer penalties, non-sufficient funds charges, reconnection fees, as well as annual voluntary donations to the Program.
4. The determinant for qualification for the Program will be then current participation in the PG&E Customer Care program.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the City Council of the City of Morro Bay, at a regular meeting thereof held on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2015, by the following vote:

AYES: Irons, Headding, Johnson, Smukler  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: Makowetski

  
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JAMIE L. IRONS, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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DANA SWANSON, City Clerk



## **CITY OF MORRO BAY UTILITY DISCOUNT PROGRAM**

### **PURPOSE**

To assist eligible customers with the increased costs of City Utility Bills (water and sewer), a Utility Discount Program is established.

### **QUALIFICATIONS FOR PARTICIPATION**

An eligible customer is one who is currently enrolled in the Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) Customer Care program. Annual verification of enrollment in PG&E's program is required.

### **PROGRAM GUIDELINES**

#### **1. Enrollment:**

- a. Beginning July 1, 2015, customers may enroll in the Utility Discount Program.
- b. For the initial year of the Program, open enrollment will be held from July 1 through September 30, 2015. Thereafter, open enrollment will occur from July 1 to July 31 of every year the program is offered.

#### **2. Eligibility:**

- a. Customers establish eligibility by completing an application for the Utility Discount Program during open enrollment, and presenting a copy of their PG&E bills, indicating participation in the PG&E Customer Care Program.
- b. Every July, existing customers must re-apply and present current PG&E bills, indicating participation in the PG&E Customer Care Program.
- c. Newly eligible residents (just moved to Morro Bay), and/or existing residents, newly qualifying for the PG&E Customer Care Program (outside of the open enrollment period), will not receive the discount until the following program year.

#### **3. Program Funding and Awards:**

- a. Funding for the program will come from the following prior year actual revenue sources:
  - i. Penalties;
  - ii. Charges for non-sufficient funds check fees;

- iii. Application fees; and
- iv. Tax-deductible donations.
- b. Since the annual discount calculation per customer is based on the prior year's actual receipts and a fixed number of applicants, continuous entry into the program is not possible.
- c. Eligible customers will be provided with a monthly billing adjustment, based on the amount of money available divided by the number of participants. For example:

$\$75,000$  available funding divided by  $1,000$  participants =  $\$75$  per year, or  $\$6.25$  per month

4. Donating to the Utility Discount Program Fund:

- a. Customers will be provided with the opportunity to donate money to the Program Fund through their Utility bills by checking the box located at the bottom of their bill.
- b. Tax-deductible donations of cash or checks may be given to the Utility Clerk; donors are encouraged to consult with their CPAs to verify tax-deductible status of the donation.



# CITY OF MORRO BAY UTILITY DISCOUNT PROGRAM CUSTOMER APPLICATION

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Program Year: \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE PRINT:**

Customer name : \_\_\_\_\_

Service address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone number: \_\_\_\_\_

**ATTACH COPY OF CURRENT PG&E BILL**

**PLEASE INITIAL:**

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand this application is effective for the \_\_\_\_\_ program year. My application expires on July 31, 20\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand I must resubmit and requalify, every July, for program participation, by filling out an application, and attaching **current proof** of participation in the PG&E Customer Care Program.

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand I am not guaranteed to receive the utility discount every program year. I understand the discount amount will change every program year.

\_\_\_\_\_ I have received a copy of the Utility Discount Program.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Customer Signature

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STAFF USE ONLY

\_\_\_\_\_  
Approval signature

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Date