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PVSC AWARDS \$101,032.08 IN REBATES TO MEMBER MUNICIPALITIES

NEWARK, PASSAIC VALLEY SEWERAGE COMMISSIONERS - The Passaic Valley Sewerage Commissioners' (PVSC) Chairman Tony Luna stated that the PVSC has authorized more than \$100,000.00 in rebates to municipalities in its service area to help offset local property taxes and other municipal expenses. The rebates are given as part of PVSC's *Municipal Rebate Incentive (MRI) Program*.

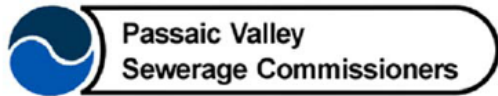
The *MRI* Program represents a cooperative effort between the PVSC and the towns in its service area. The program relies on the Code Enforcement Office of each municipality to ensure that applicants seeking construction permits also apply for the PVSC's approval as required under the PVSC Rules and Regulations. As the largest regional sewerage authority in the state and the fifth largest in the nation, the PVSC must review these projects to identify applicants that either require further attention from its Industrial Division or require the payment of the PVSC's connection fee. In return for their efforts, these municipalities annually receive a percentage of the connection fees collected from their respective communities.

"As the former Somerset County Prosecutor, I was impressed when I learned that the PVSC created this program to address a regulatory compliance problem it was experiencing with its municipalities in a very even-handed and mutually beneficial way," explained Wayne J. Forrest, PVSC Executive Director. Until the program's inception in May of 2003, municipal compliance with the requirement established in 1996 was somewhat sparse and many projects were being built without PVSC's approval despite having an impact on the plant's operations. "This is no longer a concern because the program has created a heightened awareness of the requirements as well as developed important relationships with our communities geared toward protecting their investment in this essential infrastructure," said Director Forrest.

"As the Borough Manager of a member municipality, I understand how difficult it can be to do the work that needs to get done without the appropriate funding," said PVSC Chairman Tony Luna. "Sometimes you have to make very difficult decisions where perhaps a small amount of money could make the difference and every penny counts when it comes to public spending! That is why this program makes sense because it provides a means through which PVSC can ensure that all new construction projects are reviewed, applicants pay the required connection fees, and our towns receive some much-needed revenue to help offset the costs of basic services," said Chairman Luna.

Since the program was initiated in 2003, the PVSC has offset treatment costs by more than \$21 Million and rebated back over \$2.1 Million dollars to member municipalities.

Below is a list of the rebates issued on July 15, 2010 by the PVSC to the municipalities that maintain a fiscal budget cycle. Remaining member municipalities on a calendar year budget cycle will receive their earned rebates in January of 2011.



Summary of Community Rebates

From July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010

Municipality	Budget	Connection Fees	Rebate
Bayonne	Fiscal	\$403,954.54	\$13,234.94
East Orange	Fiscal	\$8,889.56	\$1,333.43
East Rutherford	Fiscal	\$708.00	\$106.20
Elmwood Park	Fiscal	\$3,132.00	\$469.80
Jersey City	Fiscal	\$215,307.69	\$32,296.15
Kearny	Fiscal	\$7,805.88	\$1,170.88
Little Falls	Fiscal	\$58,888.74	\$5,788.66
Lodi	Fiscal	\$2,405.48	\$360.82
Lyndhurst	Fiscal	\$6,467.00	\$970.06
Orange	Fiscal	\$28,801.54	\$4,320.23
Passaic	Fiscal	\$65,573.31	\$9,836.03
Paterson	Fiscal	\$208,983.05	\$31,144.88
Totals :		\$1,010,916.78	\$101,032.08