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Long Beach Businesses Honored as "2006 Water Conservation Champions" 90 Million Gallons of Water Saved Using Low Flow Toilets and Fixtures

DOWNEY, CA – The Long Beach Water Department, on behalf of the family of Southern California water agencies, is recognizing three city hotels as 2006 Water Conservation Champions. The Holiday Inn-Long Beach Airport received the agencies' top tier award for lifetime water savings, and the Guesthouse International Hotel and the Comfort Inn & Suites both received the second tier award. Each took advantage of the Save-A-Buck commercial rebate program, supported by funding from the Long Beach Water Department, to retrofit their facilities with water efficient tanks and ultra-low flush toilets.

Southern California's water agencies award the highest tier honor to businesses that have saved in excess of 100 acre-feet of water. Second tier honorees have accumulated savings of between 50 and 100 acre-feet of water. By switching to efficient tanks and fixtures, the Holiday Inn-Long Beach Airport has saved to date 119 acre-feet (39 million gallons) of water, the Guesthouse International Hotel 99 acre-feet (32 million gallons), and the Comfort Inn & Suites 55 acre-feet (18 million gallons). For more information on water conservation rebates for commercial users visit www.lbwater.org.

The Long Beach Water Department is an urban, southern California water supply agency and the standard in water conservation and environmental stewardship.