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Cascade Water Alliance and Hyatt Regency Bellevue Team Up for Water Conservation

BELLEVUE, Wash. – The recently completed \$185 million expansion at Hyatt Regency Bellevue includes an important feature that every hotel guest will use, but most won't notice. It's a feature that will make a significant impact by conserving millions of gallons of water in the coming years: WaterSense® labeled toilets. In an effort to conserve, Hyatt Regency Bellevue has installed these eco-friendly toilets throughout its new Olympic Tower expansion.

WaterSense® is a national program awarding special designation to newly developed toilets that use an impressive 20 percent less water than the current federal standard, while still demonstrating equal or superior flushing performance. The WaterSense® label is used on toilets that are certified by independent laboratory testing to meet rigorous criteria for both performance and efficiency. For the hotel's efforts toward water conservation, Cascade Water Alliance – a non-profit corporation in the Puget Sound region striving to provide safe, clean, reliable water supply to its residents – provided more than \$18,000 in incentives for installation of these high-efficiency fixtures at Hyatt Regency Bellevue.

"Installing WaterSense® labeled toilets in all our rooms demonstrates the commitment Hyatt Regency Bellevue has to stewardship of our natural resources," said Hyatt Regency Bellevue Director of Engineering John Hope. "In an increasingly competitive market, we will benefit from this choice not only by lowering our operating costs, but also by doing our part to conserve."

According to Cascade Water Alliance, Hyatt Regency Bellevue is expected to save 150,000 – 200,000 gallons of water annually when compared to standard or "code" toilets. Cascade Water Alliance is a partner in the national WaterSense® program and offers a rebate to any customer – residential or commercial – who installs a WaterSense® toilet.

Cascade Water Alliance is a non-profit corporation, comprised of the cities of Bellevue, Redmond, Kirkland, Issaquah and Tukwila, and Covington Water District, the Sammamish Plateau Water and Sewer District and Skyway Water and Sewer District to provide safe, clean and reliable water to its almost 400,000 residents and more than 22,000 businesses.

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