

Recommendation 7-2 – Irrigation System Permit

Mixture of support and opposition

Comment: Some noted that permits for very small irrigated areas might not be worth it.

Response – Agree. There should be a floor for commercial irrigation systems.

Some noted that requiring a permit (and MWELo applicability) for “replacement” of an existing system would discourage upgrades.

Comment: Some noted costs of administration and enforcement.

Response – Agree that placing MWELo requirements on the replacement of an existing irrigation system (and thus, an existing irrigated landscape) is likely to both discourage some irrigation system upgrades that would improve efficiency and also greatly increase the scope of the permit requirement (and thus the cost to administer it). Permitting for “replacement” should be removed.

Comment: One sought clarification on who could apply for a permit.

Response – Agree. Clarifying any agent of the owner could apply for a permit would widen the availability of professional assistance and help keep costs lower.