

PROPOSAL PAPER

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Section: 5

Section Title: Required Improvements in Existing Landscapes

Recommendation: #3 Publically Owned Facilities

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Background:

- This applies to any publically owned facility whether federal, state or local.
- Publically owned facilities make up a significant portion of the facilities in the state. *Metrics working group or CUWCC may be able to provide statistic for this.

Recommended Action:

- Customer service buildings should be addressed first because they are frequented by a significant number of people and thus have high visibility. Their “lead by example” demonstrations will further help to educate the public, demonstrating ideas how beautiful California-friendly landscaping can be.

Proposal:

- 1) Retrofit publically owned customer service buildings from traditional landscape/turf to sustainable landscaping at a rate of 10% per year (to achieve complete retrofit in 10 years).
- 2) Retrofit all other publically owned buildings or facilities from traditional landscape/turf to sustainable landscaping within 20 years.