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DWR Announces Public Hearings for Model Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance

SACRAMENTO –The Department of Water Resources Office of Water Use Efficiency and Transfers (DWR-OWUET) will hold public hearings on March 25 and 27 to allow public participation in the update of the Model Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance (California Code of Regulations, Title 23, Division 2, Chapter 2.7, Section 490 *et seq*).

Public Hearings

Any person (proponent or opponent) wishing to make a statement may do so on:

March 25, 2008

9 a.m.
Resources Building Auditorium
1416 9th Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

March 27, 2008

9 a.m.
Inland Empire Utilities Agency
6075 Kimball Avenue
Chino, CA 91708

Notice of Proposed Rulemaking

A Notice of Proposed Rulemaking on the Updated Model Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance was published in the *California Regulatory Notice Register 2008* on February 8, 2008 by the Office of Administrative Law. All rulemaking documents are also available online at <http://www.owue.water.ca.gov/landscape/ord/updatedOrd.cfm/#howto>

Background

DWR-OWUET updated the Model Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance to specify requirements for the efficient use of water as authorized by the “Water Conservation in Landscaping Act” (amended by Assembly Bill 1881 – Chapter 559, Statutes of 2006; approved by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger on September 28, 2006). The text of the proposed regulations reflect improvements for landscape and irrigation design plans, irrigation technologies, and water management for achievable water savings, which will reduce water demand and waste. Assembly Bill 1881 also requires local agencies to adopt the Updated Model Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance or equivalent by January 1, 2010, or the proposed update will be automatically adopted by statute.

How to Submit Written Comments

Any interested person, or authorized representative, may submit written comments relevant to the proposed Updated Model Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance before 5 p.m. on March 27, 2008.

Submit written comments to:

Attention: Judy Colvin
Department of Water Resources
Office of Water Use Efficiency and Transfers
P.O. Box 942836
Sacramento, CA 94236-0001

For more information on the Model Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance, contact Simon Eching at (916) 651-9667 or seching@water.ca.gov

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