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*Sent via email to: [seching@water.ca.gov](mailto:seching@water.ca.gov)*

**Re: Adoption of local water efficient landscaping regulations**

Dear Mr. Eching:

I am pleased to inform you that the Walnut Creek City Council has adopted an ordinance adding water efficient landscaping regulations to the City's Municipal Code. As authorized by Section 65595 of the California Government Code, these regulations will take the place of the State's Model Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance (MEWLO) effective April 7, 2012, and this notice is being provided to you pursuant to Section 65597 of the Code.

I have attached a copy of the ordinance for your review, and as you will note, the City Council made findings that the new regulations will be at least as effective in conserving water as the MWEL. I would also like to acknowledge the valuable assistance provided to us by our two local water service providers, the Contra Costa Water District and the East Bay Municipal Utility District, in the preparation of these new regulations.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please feel free to contact me at (925) 943-5899 x2213 or [asmith@walnut-creek.org](mailto:asmith@walnut-creek.org).

Sincerely,

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