



CITY of CALABASAS

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Mr. Simon Etching  
California Department of Water Resources  
Water Use and Efficiency Branch  
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**Subject: Status of Landscape Ordinance for the City of Calabasas**

Dear Mr. Etching,

This letter serves as notification, of the City of Calabasas' current status in implementing the requirements of AB 1881 and the adoption of the DWR Model Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance (MWELO).

The City of Calabasas has chosen not to adopt either a local water efficient ordinance or the MWELO. The City of Calabasas has a Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance on the books which we believe addresses many of the requirements and objectives of the new state model ordinance, although we have not yet prepared official findings in this regard. Furthermore, the Las Virgenes Municipal Water District (LVMWD), which provides water to Calabasas residents and businesses, has recently implemented a tiered water rate structure in association with water budgeting as a means of incentivizing water conservation. We believe the LVMWD's efforts, in conjunction with the water conservation landscape requirements under the City's existing zoning ordinance may be as effective as the state model ordinance, although we have not yet prepared findings in this regard.

Please contact me by telephone at (818) 224-1600 if you have any questions

Sincerely,

Maureen Tamuri  
Community Development Director