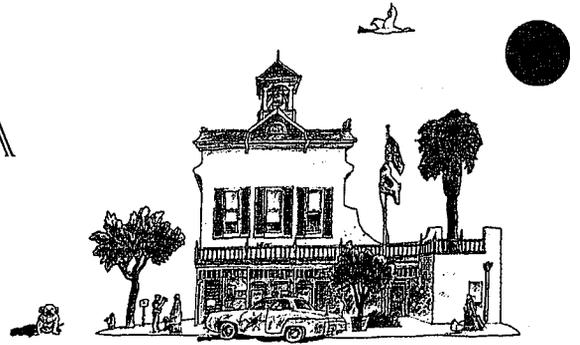


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January 27, 2010

Mr. Simon Eching
California Department of Water Resources
Water Use and Efficiency Branch
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Sacramento, CA 94236-0001

RE: Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance

Dear Mr. Eching:

In response to Assembly Bill 1881 requirements, the City of Calistoga is developing a local ordinance that is at least as effective in conserving water as the updated Model Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance (MWELO) prepared by the Department of Water Resources (DWR). The City ordinance will use the same applicability thresholds as the MWELO, but will include landscape and irrigation guidelines derived from a collaborative effort of stakeholders in the North Bay (Sonoma, Marin, Napa counties).

The City of Calistoga anticipates adoption of its local Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance in the spring, in advance of a related green building ordinance. Following adoption, the City will submit to DWR a copy of the local ordinance, along with evidence that it is at least as effective as the MWELO. The City of Calistoga acknowledges that the MWELO is applicable within its jurisdiction until this local ordinance goes into effect.

If you have any questions during the interim, please contact me at (707) 942-2827 or elundquist@ci.calistoga.ca.us.

Sincerely,

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