

**CITY OF NEWPORT BEACH MINUTE EXCERPT
CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF FEBRUARY 9, 2010**

ROLL CALL

Present: Henn, Rosansky, Mayor Curry, Webb, Gardner, Daigle, Selich
Absent: None

CONSENT CALENDAR

3. AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER 14.17 (WATER EFFICIENT LANDSCAPING) OF THE NEWPORT BEACH MUNICIPAL CODE. [100-2010].

Motion by Council Member Henn to Adopt Ordinance No. 2010-1 which amends, in its entirety, Chapter 14.17 of Title 14 of the Newport Beach Municipal Code regulations pertaining to water-efficient landscaping and references the accompanying Design Standards document.

The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Mayor Pro Tem Henn, Council Member Rosansky, Mayor Curry, Council Member Selich, Council Member Webb, Council Member Gardner, Council Member Daigle
Absent: None

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DATE: 2-12-2010

ORDINANCE NO. 2010-1

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEWPORT BEACH, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING IN ITS ENTIRETY CHAPTER 14.17 OF TITLE 14 OF THE NEWPORT BEACH MUNICIPAL CODE REGULATIONS PERTAINING TO WATER-EFFICIENT LANDSCAPING REGULATIONS

WHEREAS, the State Legislature has found that the continuation of California's economic prosperity is dependent on the availability of adequate supplies of water for future uses; and

WHEREAS, it is the policy of the State to promote the conservation and efficient use of water and to prevent the waste of this valuable resource; and

WHEREAS, landscapes are essential to the quality of life in California by providing areas for active and passive recreation and as an enhancement to the environment by cleaning air and water, preventing erosion, offering fire protection, and replacing ecosystems lost to development; and

WHEREAS, landscape design, installation, maintenance, and management can and should be water efficient; and

WHEREAS, Article X, Section 2 of the California Constitution specifies that the right to use water is limited to the amount reasonably required for the beneficial use to be served, and the right does not and shall not extend to waste or unreasonable method of use of water; and

WHEREAS, the City finds that: the average rainfall in Orange County is approximately 12 inches per year; and

WHEREAS, Orange County has an established, large reclaimed water infrastructure system; and

WHEREAS, current local area design practices in new landscapes typically achieve the State Model Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance water use goals; and

WHEREAS, incentive-based water use efficiency programs have been actively implemented within Orange County since before 1991; and

WHEREAS, the City has further found that all water services within the City are metered; and



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WHEREAS, the City is implementing enforcement of water waste prohibitions for all existing metered landscaped areas within its jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, it is required that the City adopt a Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance "as least as effective as" the State Model Ordinance or implement the State Model Ordinance by January 1, 2010; and

WHEREAS, the City has drafted an ordinance incorporating the minimum requirements of and which is "at least as effective as" the State Model Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, this agenda item has been noticed in accordance with the Ralph M. Brown Act (72 hours in advance of the public meeting). The item appeared upon the agenda for this meeting which was posted at City Hall and on the City website.

NOW THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEWPORT BEACH, CALIFORNIA, HEREBY ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1: Chapter 14.17 of Title 14 of the Newport Beach Municipal Code is hereby amended in its entirety to read as follows:

CHAPTER 14.17: WATER EFFICIENT LANDSCAPING

- 14.17.005: Purpose
- 14.17.010: Definitions
- 14.17.020: Applicability
- 14.17.030: Landscape Water Use Standards
- 14.17.040: Implementation Procedures

14.17.005: Purpose

The purpose of the City's Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance and related Design Standards document is to establish an alternative model acceptable under AB 1881 (2006) as being at least as effective as the State Model Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance, in order to:

- (1) promote the benefits of consistent landscape ordinances with neighboring local and regional agencies;
- (2) promote the values and benefits of landscapes while recognizing the need to invest water and other resources as efficiently as possible;

- (3) establish a structure for planning, designing, installing, and maintaining and managing water efficient landscapes in new construction and rehabilitated projects;
- (4) establish provisions for water management practices and water waste prevention for existing landscapes;
- (5) use water efficiently without waste by setting a Maximum Applied Water Allowance as an upper limit for water use and reduce water use to the lowest practical amount;
- (6) encourage the use of economic incentives that promote the efficient use of water.

14.17.010: Definitions

For the purposes of this chapter, the following words and phrases shall have the meaning set forth in this section.

(a) **Applied water:** the portion of water supplied by the irrigation system to the landscape.

(b) **Budget-based tiered-rate structure:** tiered or block rates for irrigation accounts charged by the retail water agency in which the block definition for each customer is derived from lot size or irrigated area and the evapotranspiration requirements of landscaping.

(c) **Design Standards:** refers to the Design Standards for Implementation of the Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance which describes procedures, calculations, and requirements for landscape projects subject to this Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance.

(d) **Ecological restoration project:** a project where the site is intentionally altered to establish a defined, indigenous, historic ecosystem.

(e) **Estimated Applied Water Use (EAWU):** the average annual total amount of water estimated to be necessary to keep plants in a healthy state, calculated as provided in the Design Standards. It is based on the reference evapotranspiration rate, the size of the landscape area, plant water use factors, and the relative irrigation efficiency of the irrigation system.

(f) **ET adjustment factor or "ETAF":** is equal to the plant factor divided by the irrigation efficiency factor for a landscape project, as described in the Design Standards. The ETAF is calculated in the context of local reference evapotranspiration, using site-specific plant factors and irrigation efficiency factors that influence the amount of water that needs to be applied to the specific landscaped area. -- A combined plant mix with a site-wide

average plant factor of 0.5 (indicating a moderate water need) and average irrigation efficiency of 0.71 produces an ET adjustment factor of $(0.7) = (0.5/0.71)$, which is the standard of water use efficiency generally required by this Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance and the Design Standards, except that the ETAF for a special landscape area shall not exceed 1.0.

(g) **Hardscapes:** any durable material or feature (pervious and non-pervious) installed in or around a landscaped area, such as pavements or walls. Surface area of pools and other water features are considered part of the landscaped area and not considered hardscapes for purposes of this Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance.

(h) **Homeowner installed landscape:** any landscaping either installed by a private individual for a single family residence or installed by a licensed contractor hired by a homeowner. A homeowner, for purposes of this ordinance, is a person who occupies the dwelling he or she owns. This definition excludes speculative homes, which are not owner-occupied dwellings and which are subject under this ordinance to the requirements applicable to developer-installed residential landscape projects.

(i) **Irrigation efficiency:** the measurement of the amount of water beneficially used divided by the amount of water applied. Irrigation efficiency is derived from measurements and estimates of irrigation system characteristics and management practices. The minimum average irrigation efficiency for purposes of this Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance is 0.71. Greater irrigation efficiency can be expected from well designed and maintained systems. An average plant factor of 0.5 (indicating a moderate water need) and average irrigation efficiency of 0.71 produces an ET adjustment factor of $(0.7) = (0.5/0.71)$

(j) **Landscape Documentation Package:** the documents required to be provided to the City for review and approval of landscape design projects, as described in the Design Standards.

(k) **Landscape rehabilitation project:** any re-landscaping project that meets the criteria of Section 14.17.020 (Applicability), where the modified landscaped area is greater than 2,500 square feet (or 5,000 square feet for home owner installed) , is 50% of the total landscaped area, and the modifications are planned to occur within one year.

(l) **Landscaped area:** all the planting areas, *turf* areas, and *water features* (including pools, ponds, fountains, and any other water feature) in a Landscape Design Plan which are subject to and must be included in the *Maximum Applied Water Allowance* and *Estimated Applied Water Use* calculations. The *landscaped area* does not include footprints of buildings or structures, sidewalks, driveways, parking lots, decks, patios, gravel or stone walks, other *pervious* or *non-pervious hardscapes*, and other non-irrigated areas designated for non-development (e.g., open spaces and existing native vegetation).

(m) **Licensed professional:** a licensed landscape architect, California licensed landscape contractor, civil engineer, architect, or any other person authorized to design or construct a landscape pursuant to Sections 5500.1, 5615, 5641, 5641.1, 5641.2, 5641.3, 5641.4, 5641.5, 5641.6, 6701, 7027.5 of the California Business and Professions Code, Section 832.27 of Title 16 of the California Code of Regulations, and Section 6721 of the California Food and Agriculture Code.

(n) **Local water supplier:** any entity, including a public agency, city, county, or private water company that provides retail water service.

(o) **Maximum Applied Water Allowance (MAWA):** is the upper limit of annual applied water for the established landscaped area as specified in Section 2.2 of the Design Standards. It is based upon the area's reference evapotranspiration, the ET Adjustment Factor, and the size of the landscaped area. The Estimated Applied Water Use shall not exceed the Maximum Applied Water Allowance.

(p) **Ministerial Permit:** an authorizing document issued by the City of Newport Beach Building Department in conjunction with a landscape project which may include, but is not limited to: grading, pools, spas, fountains, ponds, retaining walls, fences and walls, shade structures, trellis structures, barbecues, outdoor fireplaces, etc.

(q) **New landscape installation project:** a landscape installed in conjunction with any type of new development, whether or not the new development includes construction of new building(s). (Examples of a new development not associated with a new building could include parks, playgrounds, greenbelts).

(r) **Non-pervious:** any surface or natural material that does not allow for the passage of water through the material and into the underlying soil.

(s) **Pervious:** any surface or material that allows the passage of water through the material and into the underlying soil.

(t) **Plant factor or plant water use factor:** is a factor, when multiplied by ETo, which estimates the amount of water needed by plants. For purposes of this Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance, the plant factor range for low water use plants is 0 to 0.3; the plant factor range for moderate water use plants is 0.4 to 0.6; and the plant factor range for high water use plants is 0.7 (70%) to 1.0 (100%). Plant factors cited in this Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance are derived from the Department of Water Resources 2000 publication "Water Use Classification of Landscape Species."

(u) **Recycled water or reclaimed water:** a wastewater which, as a result of treatment, is suitable for non-potable uses not intended for human consumption such as landscape irrigation and water features.

(v) **Reference evapotranspiration or "ETo"**: a standard measurement of environmental parameters which affect the water use of plants. ETo is given expressed in inches per day, month, or year as represented in Appendix A of the Design Standards and is an estimate of the evapotranspiration of a large field of four-to seven-inch tall, cool-season grass that is well watered. Reference evapotranspiration is used as the basis of determining the Maximum Applied Water Allowances (MAWA).

(w) **Smart automatic irrigation controller**: an automatic timing device used to remotely control valves that operate an irrigation system and which schedules irrigation events using either evapotranspiration (weather-based) or soil moisture data.

(x) **Special Landscaped Area or SLA**: an area of the landscape dedicated solely to edible plants such as orchards and vegetable gardens, areas irrigated with *recycled water*, *water features* using *recycled water*, or areas dedicated to active play such as parks, sports fields, golf courses, or areas where *turf* provides a playing surface. These areas may have an ET adjustment factor (ETAF) to 1.0 (100%).

(y) **Turf**: a ground cover surface of mowed grass. Annual bluegrass, Kentucky bluegrass, Perennial ryegrass, Red fescue, and Tall fescue are cool-season grasses. Bermudagrass, Kikuyugrass, Seashore Paspalum, St. Augustinegrass, Zoysiagrass, and Buffalo grass are warm-season grasses.

(z) **Valve**: a device used to control the flow of water in an irrigation system.

(aa) **Water feature**: a design element where open water performs an aesthetic or recreational function. Water features include ponds, lakes, waterfalls, fountains, artificial streams, spas, and swimming pools (where water is artificially supplied). The surface area of water features is included in the high water use hydrozone of the landscaped area. Constructed wetlands used for on-site wastewater treatment, habitat protection or storm water best management practices that are not irrigated and used solely for water treatment or storm water retention are not water features and, therefore, are not subject to the water budget calculation.

14.17.020: Applicability.

- (a) All planting, irrigation, and landscape-related improvements required by this Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance shall apply to the following:
 - (1) New landscape installations or landscape rehabilitation projects by public agencies or private non-residential developers with a landscaped area (see definition) equal to or greater than 2,500 square feet, and which are otherwise subject to a discretionary approval of a landscape plan, or which otherwise require a ministerial permit for a landscape or water feature;

- (2) New landscape installations or landscape rehabilitation projects by developers or property managers of single-family and multi-family residential projects or complexes with a landscaped area (see definition) equal to or greater than 2,500 square feet, and which are otherwise subject to a discretionary approval of a landscape plan, or which otherwise require a ministerial permit for a landscape or water feature;
 - (3) New landscape installation projects or landscape rehabilitation projects installed by individual homeowners on single-family or multi-family residential lots with a total project landscaped area (see definition) equal to or greater than 5,000 square feet and which are otherwise subject to a discretionary approval of a landscape plan, or which otherwise require a ministerial permit for a landscape or water feature;
 - (4) New landscape installation projects or landscape rehabilitation projects installed at cemeteries shall be subject to the following sections of the Design Standards: Sections 2.2: Water Efficient Landscape Calculations and Alternatives, 2.8 Post-Installation Irrigation Scheduling, and 2.9 Post-Installation Landscape and Irrigation Maintenance, but shall not require a Landscape Design Package (Design Standards: Section 2.1).
- (b) This Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance does not apply to:
- (1) landscape rehabilitation projects that consist of replacement plantings with equal or lower water needs and the irrigation system is designed, operable and programmed to comply with the City's water conservation regulations;
 - (2) registered local, state, or federal historical sites;
 - (3) ecological restoration projects that do not require a permanent irrigation system;
 - (4) plant collections, as part of botanical gardens and arboretums open to the public; or
 - (5) landscape in Hazard Reduction and Fuel Modification Zones, where applicable.
- (c) Section 14.17.030(b) of the of the Landscape Water Use Standards of this Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance (requiring compliance with the City's Water Conservation Ordinance) shall apply to:

- (1) All landscaped areas, whether installed prior to (existing landscapes) or after adoption of this ordinance.

14.17.030: Landscape Water Use Standards.

- (a) For new landscape installation or rehabilitation projects subject to Section 14.17.020) (Applicability) of this Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance, the Estimated Applied Water Use allowed for the landscaped area shall not exceed the MAWA calculated using an ET adjustment factor of 0.7, except for special landscaped areas where the MAWA is calculated using an ET adjustment factor of 1.0; or the design of the landscaped area shall otherwise be shown to be equivalently water-efficient in a manner acceptable to the City; as provided in the Design Standards.
- (b) Irrigation of all landscaped areas shall be conducted in a manner conforming to the rules and requirements, and shall be subject to penalties and incentives for water conservation and water waste prevention, as determined and implemented by the City's Water Conservation Ordinance (NBMC Chapter 14.16).

14.17.040: Implementation Procedures.

- (a) A Landscape Documentation Package shall be submitted to the City for review and approval of all landscape projects subject to the provisions of this Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance. Any Landscape Documentation Package submitted to the City shall comply with the provisions of the Design Standards.
- (b) The Landscape Documentation Package shall include a Certification of Design by a professional appropriately licensed in the State of California stating that the landscape design and water use calculations have been prepared by or under the supervision of the licensed professional and are certified to be in compliance with the provisions of this Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance and the Design Standards.
 - (1) Landscape and irrigation plans shall be submitted to the City for review and approval with appropriate water use calculations. Water use calculations shall be consistent with the procedures and calculations provided in the Design Standards document.
 - (2) Verification of compliance of the landscape installation with the approved plans shall be obtained through a Certification of Completion which shall be submitted to the City prior to final of the

permit, per the procedures provided in the Design Standards document.

SECTION 2: The City Council hereby determines that this Ordinance is exempt from review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) (California Public Resources Code Section 21000 et seq.), because pursuant to State CEQA Regulation 15307 (14 Cal. Code Regs., § 15307), this Ordinance is covered by the CEQA Categorical Exemption for actions taken to assure the maintenance, restoration, enhancement, or protection of a natural resource where the regulatory process involves procedures for protection of the environment. The adoption of this Ordinance will result in the enhancement and protection of water resources in the City, and will not result in cumulative adverse environment impacts. It is therefore exempt from the provisions of CEQA. The City Council hereby directs the City Manager or designee to prepare and file a Notice of Exemption as soon as possible following adoption of this Ordinance .

SECTION 3: If any section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance is, for any reason, held to be invalid or unconstitutional, such decision shall not affect the validity or constitutionality of the remaining portions of this ordinance. The City Council hereby declares that it would have passed this ordinance, and each section, subsection, clause or phrase hereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, subsections, sentences, clauses and phrases be declared unconstitutional.

SECTION 4: The Mayor shall sign and the City Clerk shall attest to the passage of this ordinance. The City Clerk shall cause the same to be published once in the official newspaper of the City, and it shall be effective thirty (30) days after its adoption.

SECTION 5: This Ordinance was introduced at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Newport Beach held on the 26th day of January, 2010, and adopted on the 9th day of February, 2010, by the following vote, to wit:

AYES, COUNCIL MEMBERS Selich, Rosansky, Henn, Webb, Gardner, Daigle, Mayor Curry

NOES, COUNCIL MEMBERS None

ABSENT, COUNCIL MEMBERS None



Keith D. Curry, Mayor

ATTEST:

Leilani D. Brown

Leilani Brown, City Clerk
APPROVED AS TO FORM,
OFFICE OF CITY ATTORNEY:



David R. Hunt 1.26.10

David R. Hunt, City Attorney
For the City of Newport Beach

STATE OF CALIFORNIA }
COUNTY OF ORANGE }
CITY OF NEWPORT BEACH } ss.

I, Leilani I. Brown, City Clerk of the City of Newport Beach, California, do hereby certify that the whole number of members of the City Council is seven; that the foregoing ordinance, being Ordinance No. 2009-1 was duly and regularly introduced on the 26th day of January, 2010, and adopted by the City Council of said City at a regular meeting of said Council, duly and regularly held on the 9th day of February, 2010, and that the same was so passed and adopted by the following vote, to wit:

Ayes: Selich, Rosansky, Henn, Webb, Gardner, Daigle, Mayor Curry

Noes: None

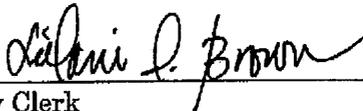
Absent: None

Abstain: None

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed the official seal of said City this 10th day of February, 2010.



(Seal)



City Clerk
City of Newport Beach, California

CERTIFICATE OF PUBLICATION

STATE OF CALIFORNIA }
COUNTY OF ORANGE }
CITY OF NEWPORT BEACH } ss.

I, LEILANI I. BROWN, City Clerk of the City of Newport Beach, California, do hereby certify that Ordinance No. 2009-1 has been duly and regularly published according to law and the order of the City Council of said City and that same was so published in *The Daily Pilot*, a daily newspaper of general circulation on the following dates:

Introduced Ordinance: January 30, 2010
Adopted Ordinance: February 13, 2010

In witness whereof, I have hereunto subscribed my name this _____ day of _____
2010.

City Clerk
City of Newport Beach, California

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DESIGN STANDARDS

For Implementation of the
WATER EFFICIENT LANDSCAPE ORDINANCE
(MUNICIPAL CODE: CHAPTER 14.17)

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1. Purpose and Applicability

1.1 Purpose

- (a) The primary purpose of these Water Efficient Landscape Design Standards (Design Standards) is to provide procedural and design guidance for project applicants proposing new landscape installation or rehabilitation projects that are subject to the requirements of the Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance (Chapter 14.17 of the Newport Beach Municipal Code). This document is also intended for use and reference by City staff in reviewing and approving designs and verifying compliance with the Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance. The general purpose of the Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance is to promote the design, installation, and maintenance of landscaping in a manner that conserves regional water resources by ensuring that landscaping projects are not unduly water-needy and that irrigation systems are appropriately implemented to minimize water waste.
- (b) Other regulations affecting landscape design and maintenance practices are potentially applicable and should be consulted for additional requirements. These regulations include but may not be limited to:
- (1) State of California Assembly Bill 1881;
 - (2) National Pollutant Discharge Elimination Permit for the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System;
 - (3) Newport Beach Fire Department regulations for Hazard Reduction and Fuel Modification Zones.
 - (4) Newport Beach Municipal Code: Title 14;
 - (5) Newport Beach Zoning Code: Title 20
 - (6) California Building Code;
 - (7) Planned Community Texts, General Plan and General Plan Design Criteria for Single and Two Unit Residential Development, Coastal Land Use Plan
 - (8) Any conditions of approval for a specific project

1.2 Applicability

- (a) The Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance and these Design Standards apply to all of the following:

- (1) New landscape installations or landscape rehabilitation projects by public agencies or private non-residential developers with a landscaped area (see definition) equal to or greater than 2,500 square feet, and which are otherwise subject to a discretionary approval of a landscape plan, or which otherwise require a ministerial permit for a landscape or water feature.
 - (2) New landscape installation projects or landscape rehabilitation projects installed by developers or property managers of single-family and multi-family residential projects or complexes with a total project landscaped area (see definition) equal to or greater than 2,500 square feet, and which are otherwise subject to a discretionary approval of a landscape plan, or which otherwise require a ministerial permit for a landscape or water feature.
 - (3) New landscape installation projects or landscape rehabilitation projects installed by individual homeowners (not a developer) on single-family or multi-family residential lots with a total project landscaped area (see definition) equal to or greater than 5,000 square feet, and which are otherwise subject to a discretionary approval of a landscape plan, or which otherwise require a ministerial permit for a landscape or water feature.
 - (4) New landscape installation projects or landscape rehabilitation projects installed at cemeteries shall apply the following sections of the Design Standards: Sections 2.2 (Water Efficient Landscape Calculations and alternatives), 2.8 (Post-Installation Irrigation Scheduling), and 2.9 (Post-Installation Landscape and Irrigation Maintenance), but shall not require a Landscape Design Package (Design Standards: Section 2.1).
- (b) The Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance and these Design Standards do not apply to:
- (1) landscape rehabilitation projects that consist of replacement plantings with equal or lower water needs where the irrigation system is designed, operable and programmed to comply with the City's water conservation regulations;
 - (2) registered local, state, or federal historical sites;
 - (3) ecological restoration projects that do not require a permanent irrigation system;
 - (4) plant collections, as part of botanical gardens and arboretums open to the public, and

- (5) landscape in Hazard Reduction and Fuel Modification Zones, where applicable.

2. Submittal Requirements for New Landscape Installation Projects or Landscape Rehabilitation Projects

2.1 Elements of the Landscape Documentation Package

- (a) A Landscape Documentation Package is required to be submitted by the project applicant for review and approval prior to issuance by the City of ministerial permits in conjunction with the landscape project, or prior to discretionary review and/or approval of a project, and prior to start of construction. Unless otherwise directed by the City, the Landscape Documentation Package shall include the following elements either on plan sheets or supplemental pages as provided by the City (see attachments):
 - (1) Project Information, including, but not limited to, the following:
 - (a) date;
 - (b) project name;
 - (c) project address, parcel, and/or lot number(s);
 - (d) total landscaped area (square feet) and rehabilitated landscaped area (if applicable);
 - (e) project type (e.g., new or rehabilitated landscape, public agency or private development, developer or homeowner-installed);
 - (f) water supply type (e.g., potable, recycled, or well) and identification of the local retail water supplier if the project applicant's water supplier is not the City of Newport Beach (i.e. Irvine Ranch Water District *IRWD* or Mesa Consolidated Water District *MCWD*);
 - (g) checklist or index of all documents in the Landscape Documentation Package;
 - (h) project contacts, including contact information for the project applicant and property owner;
 - (i) a Certification of Design (Exhibit A), in accordance with these Design Standards, that includes a licensed professional's professional stamp, as applicable, contact information (including email and telephone number), license

number, date, and signature certifying the following statement: "The design of this project complies with the requirements of the City's Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance and Design Standards; and

- (j) any other information the City deems relevant for determining whether the landscape project complies with the Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance and Design Standards.
- (2) Maximum Applied Water Allowance (MAWA) and Estimated Applied Water Use (EAWU) expressed as annual totals including, but not limited to, the following:
 - (a) a Water Efficient Landscape Worksheet for the landscape project;
 - (b) a hydrozone information table; and
 - (c) water budget calculations for the landscape project.
 - (3) A soil management report or specifications, or specification provision requiring soil testing, amendment recommendations and implementation to be accomplished during installation and construction of the landscape project.
 - (4) A landscape design plan for the landscape project.
 - (5) An irrigation design plan for the landscape project.
 - (6) A grading design plan, unless grading information is included in the landscape design plan for the landscape project or unless the landscape project is limited to replacement planting and/or irrigation for a landscape rehabilitation project.

2.2 Water Efficient Landscape Calculations and Alternatives

- (a) The project applicant shall provide the calculated Maximum Applied Water Allowance (MAWA) and Estimated Applied Water Use (EAWU) for the landscaped area as part of the Landscape Documentation Package submittal to the City. The MAWA and EAWU shall be calculated based on completing the Water Efficient Landscape Worksheets (Appendix C).
- (b) The EAWU allowable for the landscaped area shall not exceed the MAWA. The MAWA shall be calculated using an evapotranspiration adjustment factor (ETAF) of 0.7 except for the portion of the MAWA applicable to any special landscaped areas within the landscape project, which shall be calculated using an ETAF of 1.0. Where the design of the

landscaped area can otherwise be shown to be equivalently water-efficient, the project applicant may submit alternative or abbreviated information supporting the demonstration that the annual EAWU is less than the MAWA, at the discretion of and for the review and approval of the City.

- (c) Water budget calculations shall adhere to the following requirements:
- (1) The MAWA shall be calculated using the Water Efficient Landscape Worksheets and equation presented in Appendix C. The example calculation is a hypothetical example to demonstrate proper use of the equation.
 - (2) The EAWU shall be calculated using the Water Efficient Landscape Worksheets and equation presented in Appendix C. The example calculation is a hypothetical example.
 - (3) For the calculation of the MAWA and EAWU, a project applicant shall use the ETo values from the closest location listed in the Reference Evapotranspiration Table in **Appendix D**. For geographic areas not covered in **Appendix D**, data from other cities located nearby in the same reference evapotranspiration zone may be used, as found in the CIMIS Reference Evapotranspiration Zones Map, Department of Water Resources, 1999.
 - (4) For calculation of the EAWU, the plant water use factor shall be determined as appropriate to the project location from the Water Use Efficiency of Landscape Species (WUCOLS) Species Evaluation List. The plant factor is 0.1 for very low water use plants, 0.2 to 0.3 for low water use plants, 0.4 to 0.6 for moderate water use plants, and 0.7 to 1.0 for high water use plants.
 - (5) For calculating the EAWU, the plant water use factor shall be determined for each valve hydrozone based on the highest-water-use plant species within the zone. The plant factor for each hydrozone may be required to be further refined as a "landscape coefficient," according to protocols defined in detail in the WUCOLS document, to reflect planting density and microclimate effects on water need at the option of the project applicant or the City.
 - (6) For calculation of the EAWU, the area of a water feature shall be defined as a high water use hydrozone with a plant factor of 1.0.
 - (7) For calculation of the EAWU, a temporarily irrigated hydrozone area, such as an area of highly drought-tolerant native plants that are not intended to be irrigated after they are fully established, shall

be defined as a very low water use hydrozone with a plant factor of 0.1.

- (8) For calculation of the MAWA, the ETAF for special landscaped areas shall be set at 1.0. For calculation of the EAWU, the ETAF for special landscaped areas shall be calculated as the special landscaped area (SLA) plant factor divided by the SLA irrigation efficiency factor.
- (9) Irrigation efficiency shall be calculated using the worksheet and equation presented in **Appendix C**.
- (d) The Maximum Applied Water Allowance shall adhere to the following requirements:
 - (1) The Maximum Applied Water Allowance shall be calculated using the equation presented in **Appendix C**. The example calculation in **Appendix C** is hypothetical to demonstrate proper use of the equation and does not represent an existing and/or planned landscape project. The reference evapotranspiration (ET_o) values used in this calculation are from the Reference Evapotranspiration Table in **Appendix D** and are for planning purposes only. For actual irrigation scheduling, automatic irrigation controllers are required and shall use current ET_o data, such as from the California Irrigation Management Information System (CIMIS), other equivalent data, or soil moisture sensor data.

2.3 Soil Management Report

- (a) In order to reduce runoff and encourage healthy plant growth, a soil management report shall be completed by the project applicant, or his/her designee, as follows:
 - (1) Submit soil samples to a certified agronomic soils laboratory for analysis and recommendations.
 - (a) Soil sampling shall be conducted in accordance with laboratory protocol, including protocols regarding adequate sampling depth for the intended plants.
 - (b) The soil analysis may include, but is not limited to:
 - 1. soil texture;
 - 2. infiltration rate determined by laboratory test or soil texture infiltration rate table;

3. pH;
4. total soluble salts;
5. sodium;
6. percent organic matter; and
7. recommendations.

- (2) The project applicant, or his/her designee, shall comply with one of the following:
 - (a) if significant mass grading is not planned, the soil analysis report shall be submitted to the City as part of the Landscape Documentation Package; or
 - (b) if significant mass grading is planned, the soil analysis report shall be submitted to the City as part of the Certification of Completion.
 - (c) The soil analysis report shall be made available, in a timely manner, to the professionals preparing the landscape design plans and irrigation design plans in order to make any necessary adjustments to the design plans.
 - (d) The project applicant, or his/her designee, shall submit documentation verifying implementation of soil analysis report recommendations to the City with the Certification of Completion.

2.4 Landscape Design Plan

- (a) For the efficient use of water, a landscape shall be carefully designed and planned for the intended function of the project. The following design criteria shall be submitted as part of the Landscape Documentation Package.

(1) Plant Material

- (a) Any plant may be selected for the *landscaped area* provided the EAWU in the landscaped area does not exceed the MAWA. To encourage the efficient use of water, the following is highly recommended:
 1. protection and preservation of non-invasive water-conserving plant species and water-conserving turf;

2. selection of water-conserving plant species and water-conserving turf;
 3. selection of plants based on disease and pest resistance;
 4. selection of trees based on applicable City tree ordinances; and
 5. selection of plants from local and regional landscape program plant lists.
- (b) Each hydrozone shall have plant materials with similar water use, with the exception of hydrozones with plants of mixed water use, as specified in Section 2.5(a)(2)(d) of these Design Standards.
- (c) Plants shall be selected and planted appropriately based upon their adaptability to the climatic, geologic, and topographical conditions of the project site. To encourage the efficient use of water, the following is highly recommended for inclusion in the Landscape Design Plan:
- (1) use the Sunset Western Climate Zone System which takes into account temperature, humidity, elevation, terrain, latitude, and varying degrees of continental and marine influence on local climate;
 - (2) recognize the horticultural attributes of plants (i.e., mature plant size, invasive surface roots) to minimize damage to property or infrastructure (e.g., buildings, sidewalks, and power lines); and
 - (3) consider the solar orientation for plant placement to maximize summer shade and winter solar gain.
- (d) Turf is discouraged on slopes greater than 25% where the toe of the slope is adjacent to an impermeable hardscape and where 25% means 1 foot of vertical elevation change for every 4 feet of horizontal length (rise divided by run x 100 = slope percent).
- (e) A Landscape Design Plan for projects in Special Fire Protection Areas shall address fire safety and prevention. Landscaping in Hazard Reduction and Fuel Modification Zones shall comply with requirements of the Newport Beach Fire Department, where applicable. Design, installation and maintenance of Hazard Reduction and Fuel Modification Zones shall be subject to review and approval by the Newport Beach Fire Department prior to installation. When conflicts between water conservation and fire safety design elements exist, the fire safety requirements shall have priority. (Reference: Newport Beach Fire Prevention Guidelines, G.01 and G.02)

- (f) The use of invasive plant species and/or noxious plant species is strongly discouraged.
- (g) The architectural guidelines of a common interest development, which include community apartment projects, condominiums, planned developments, and stock cooperatives, shall not prohibit or include conditions that have the effect of prohibiting the use of water efficient plant species as a group.
 - (1) Water Features
 - (a) Recirculating water systems shall be used for water features.
 - (b) Where available and consistent with public health guidelines, recycled water shall be used as a source for decorative water features.
 - (c) The surface area of a water feature shall be included in the high water use hydrozone area of the water budget calculation.
 - (d) Pool and spa covers are highly recommended.
 - (2) Mulch and Amendments
 - (a) A minimum two inch (2") layer of mulch shall be applied on all exposed soil surfaces of planting areas except in turf areas, creeping or rooting groundcovers, or direct seeding applications where mulch is contraindicated.
 - (b) Stabilizing mulching products shall be used on slopes.
 - (c) The mulching portion of the seed/mulch slurry in hydro-seeded applications shall meet the mulching requirement.
 - (d) Soil amendments shall be incorporated according to recommendations of the soil report and what is appropriate for the plants selected (see Section 2.3 of these Design Standards).
- (h) The Landscape Design Plan, at a minimum, shall be drawn to scale and shall accurately and clearly:
 - (1) delineate and label each hydrozone by number, letter, or other method;
 - (2) identify each hydrozone as low, moderate, high water, or mixed water use. Temporarily irrigated areas of the landscaped area shall

be included in the low water use hydrozone for the water budget calculation;

- (3) identify recreational areas;
- (4) identify areas permanently and solely dedicated to edible plants;
- (5) identify areas irrigated with recycled water;
- (6) identify type of mulch and application depth;
- (7) identify soil amendments, type, and quantity;
- (8) identify type and surface area of water features;
- (9) identify hardscapes (pervious and non-pervious);
- (10) identify location and installation details of any applicable storm water best management practices that encourage on-site retention and infiltration of storm water. Storm water best management practices are encouraged in the landscape design plan and examples include, but are not limited to:
 - (a) infiltration beds, swales, and basins that allow water to collect and soak into the ground;
 - (b) constructed wetlands and retention ponds that retain water, handle excess flow, and filter pollutants; and
 - (c) pervious or porous surfaces (e.g., permeable pavers or blocks, pervious or porous concrete, etc.) that minimize runoff.
- (11) identify any applicable rain harvesting or catchment technologies (e.g., rain gardens, cisterns, etc.);
- (12) and shall include the following statement "I have complied with the criteria of the Water Efficient landscape Ordinance and Design Standards and have applied them for the efficient use of water in the landscape design plan"; and
- (13) shall bear the signature and/or official stamp of a California-licensed professional.

2.5 Irrigation Design Plan

- (a) For the efficient use of water, an irrigation system shall meet all the requirements listed in this section and the manufacturer's recommendations. The irrigation system and its related components shall

be planned and designed to allow for proper installation, management, and maintenance. An irrigation design plan meeting the following design criteria shall be submitted as part of the Landscape Documentation Package.

(1) System

- (a)** Dedicated landscape water meters are highly recommended on landscaped areas smaller than 5,000 square feet to facilitate water management.
- (b)** Automatic irrigation controllers utilizing either evapotranspiration or soil moisture sensor data shall be required for irrigation scheduling in all irrigation systems.
- (c)** The irrigation system shall be designed to ensure that the dynamic pressure at each emission device is within the manufacturer's recommended pressure range for optimal performance.
 - 1.** If the static pressure is above or below the required dynamic pressure of the irrigation system, pressure-regulating devices such as inline pressure regulators, booster pumps, or other devices shall be installed to meet the required dynamic pressure of the irrigation system.
 - 2.** Static water pressure, dynamic or operating pressure, and flow reading of the water supply shall be measured at the point of connection. These pressure and flow measurements shall be conducted at the design stage. If the measurements are not available at the design stage, the measurements shall be conducted at installation.
- (d)** Sensors (rain, freeze, wind, etc.), either integral or auxiliary, that suspend or alter irrigation operation during unfavorable weather conditions shall be required on all irrigation systems, as appropriate for local climatic conditions. Irrigation should be avoided during windy or freezing weather or during rain.
- (e)** Manual shut-off valves (such as a gate valve, ball valve, or butterfly valve) shall be required as close as possible to the point of connection of the water supply to minimize water loss in case of an emergency (such as a main line break) or routine repair.

- (f) Backflow prevention devices shall be required to protect the water supply from contamination by the irrigation system. A project applicant shall refer to the applicable City code (i.e., public health) for additional backflow prevention requirements.
- (g) High flow sensors that detect and report high flow conditions created by system damage or malfunction are recommended.
- (h) The irrigation system shall be designed to prevent runoff, low head drainage, overspray, or other similar conditions where irrigation water flows onto non-targeted areas, such as adjacent property, non-irrigated areas, hardscapes, roadways, or structures.
- (i) Relevant information from the soil management plan, such as soil type and infiltration rate, shall be utilized when designing irrigation systems.
- (j) The design of the irrigation system shall conform to the hydrozones of the Landscape Design Plan.
- (k) Average irrigation efficiency for the project shall be determined in accordance with the EAWU calculation sheet in **Appendix C**. Unless otherwise indicated by the irrigation equipment manufacturer's specifications or demonstrated by the project applicant, the irrigation efficiency of the irrigation heads used within each hydrozone shall be assumed to be:
 - Pop-up stream rotator heads = 75%
 - Stream rotor heads = 75%
 - Microspray = 75%
 - Bubbler = 80%
 - Drip emitter = 85%
 - Subsurface irrigation = 90%
- (l) It is highly recommended that the project applicant inquire with the City or the applicant's water supplier about peak water operating demands (on the water supply system) or water restrictions that may impact the effectiveness of the irrigation system.
- (m) In mulched planting areas, the use of low volume irrigation is required to maximize water infiltration into the root zone.

- (n) Sprinkler heads and other emission devices shall have matched precipitation rates, unless otherwise directed by the manufacturer's recommendations.
- (o) Head to head coverage is recommended. However, sprinkler spacing shall be designed to achieve the highest possible distribution uniformity using the manufacturer's recommendations.
- (p) Swing joints or other riser-protection components are required on all risers subject to damage that are adjacent to high traffic areas.
- (q) Check valves or anti-drain valves are required for all irrigation systems.
- (r) Narrow or irregularly shaped areas, including turf, less than eight (8) feet in width in any direction shall be irrigated with subsurface irrigation or a low volume irrigation system.
- (s) Overhead irrigation shall not be permitted within 24 inches of any non-permeable surface. Allowable irrigation within the setback from non-permeable surfaces may include drip, drip line, or other low flow non-spray technology. The setback area may be planted or unplanted. The surfacing of the setback may be mulch, gravel, or other porous material. These restrictions may be modified if:
 1. the landscaped area is adjacent to permeable surfacing and no runoff occurs; or
 2. the adjacent non-permeable surfaces are designed and constructed to drain entirely to landscaping; or
 3. the irrigation designer for the landscape project specifies an alternative design or technology, as part of the Landscape Documentation Package, and clearly demonstrates strict adherence to the irrigation system design criteria in Section 2.5 (a)(1)(h) hereof. Prevention of overspray and runoff must be confirmed during an irrigation audit.
 4. Slopes greater than 25% shall not be irrigated with an irrigation system with a precipitation rate exceeding 0.75 inches per hour. This restriction may be modified if the landscape designer of the landscape project specifies an alternative design or technology, as part of the Landscape Documentation Package, and clearly

demonstrates no runoff or erosion will occur. Prevention of runoff and erosion must be confirmed during the irrigation audit.

(2) Hydrozone

- (a)** Each valve shall irrigate a hydrozone with similar site, slope, sun exposure, soil conditions, and plant materials with similar water use.
- (b)** Sprinkler heads and other emission devices shall be selected based on what is appropriate for the plant type within that hydrozone.
- (c)** Where feasible, trees shall be placed on separate valves from shrubs, groundcovers, and turf.
- (d)** Individual hydrozones that mix plants of moderate and low water use or moderate and high water use may be allowed if:
 - 1. the plant factor calculation is based on the proportions of the respective plant water uses and their respective plant factors; or
 - 2. the plant factor of the higher water using plant is used for the calculations.
- (e)** Individual hydrozones that mix high and low water use plants shall not be permitted.
- (f)** On the Landscape Design Plan and Irrigation Design Plan, hydrozone areas shall be designated by number, letter, or other designation. On the Irrigation Design Plan, designate the areas irrigated by each valve and assign a number to each valve.
- (g)** The Irrigation Design Plan, at a minimum, shall accurately and clearly identify:
 - 1. the location and size of separate water meters for landscape;
 - 2. the location, type, and size of all components of the irrigation system, including controllers, main and lateral lines, valves, sprinkler heads, moisture sensing devices, rain switches, quick couplers, pressure regulators, and backflow prevention devices;

3. static water pressure at the point of connection to the public water supply;
4. flow rate (gallons per minute), application rate (inches per hour), and design operating pressure (pressure per square inch) for each station;
5. irrigation schedule parameters necessary to program smart timers specified in the landscape design;
6. plans shall contain the following statement: "I have complied with the criteria of the Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance and applied them accordingly for the efficient use of water in the irrigation design plan;" and
7. shall bear the signature and/or stamp of a California-licensed professional.

[Note: Authority Cited: Section 65595, Government Code.
Reference: Section 65596, Government Code.]

2.6 Grading Design Plan

- (a) For the efficient use of water, grading of a landscape project site shall be designed to minimize soil erosion, runoff, and water waste. Finished grading configuration of the landscaped area, including pads, slopes, drainage, post-construction erosion control, and storm water control Best Management Practices, as applicable, shall be shown on the Landscape Plan unless this information is fully included in separate grading plans for the project, or unless the project is limited to replacement planting and/or irrigation to rehabilitate an existing landscaped area. All grading projects shall comply with Newport Beach Municipal Code Chapter 15.10 (Excavation and Grading Code).
- (b) The project applicant shall submit a landscape grading plan that indicates finished configurations and elevations of the landscaped area including:
 - (1) height of graded slopes;
 - (2) drainage patterns;
 - (3) pad elevations;
 - (4) finish grade; and
 - (5) storm water retention improvements, if applicable.

- (c) To prevent excessive erosion and runoff, it is highly recommended that the project applicant:
 - (1) grade so that all irrigation and normal rainfall remains within property lines and does not drain on to non-permeable hardscapes;
 - (2) avoid disruption of natural drainage patterns and undisturbed soil; and
 - (3) avoid soil compaction in landscaped areas.
- (d) The Grading Design Plan shall contain the following statement: "I have complied with the criteria of the Newport Beach Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance and Design Standards and have applied them accordingly for the efficient use of water in the grading design plan" and shall bear the signature and/or stamp of the licensed professional, as required by law.

2.7 Certification of Completion

- (a) Landscape project installation shall not proceed until the Landscape Documentation Package has been approved by the City and any ministerial permits required in conjunction with the landscape project are issued, and/or the landscape plans for those projects subject to discretionary review have been approved.
- (b) The project applicant shall notify the City at the beginning of the installation work and at intervals, as necessary, for the duration of the landscape project work to schedule all required inspections.
- (c) Certification of Completion of the landscape project shall be obtained through the permit finaling process. The requirements for the final inspection and permit closure include submittal of:
 - (1) A Landscape Installation Certificate of Completion in the form included as **Appendix E** of these Design Standards, which shall include: (i) certification by a licensed professional that the landscape project has been installed per the approved Landscape Documentation Package; and (ii) the following statement: "The landscaping has been installed in substantial conformance to the design plans, and complies with the provisions of the Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance for the efficient use of water in the landscape."
 - (2) Documentation of the irrigation scheduling parameters used to set the controller(s);
 - (3) An irrigation audit report from a certified irrigation auditor, or documentation of enrollment in a regional or local water supplier's

water conservation program, and documentation that the MAWA and EAWU information for the landscape project has been submitted to the City and/or the local water supplier.

2.8 Post-Installation Irrigation Scheduling

- (a) For the efficient use of water, all irrigation schedules shall be developed, managed, and evaluated to utilize the minimum amount of water required to maintain plant health. Irrigation schedules shall meet the following criteria:
 - (1) Irrigation scheduling shall be regulated by automatic irrigation controllers.
 - (2) Overhead irrigation shall be scheduled in accordance with the City's Water Conservation (Municipal Code: Chapter 14.16) Ordinance. Operation of the irrigation system outside the normal watering window is allowed for auditing and system maintenance.

2.9 Post-Installation Landscape and Irrigation Maintenance

- (a) Landscapes shall be maintained to ensure water use efficiency in accordance with the City's Municipal Code: Title 14.

3. Provisions for Existing Landscapes

- (a) Irrigation of all landscaped areas shall be conducted in a manner conforming to the rules and requirements and shall be subject to penalties and incentives for water conservation and water waste prevention, as determined and implemented by the City and/or the applicant's water supplier.
- (b) The City and/or the regional or local water supplier may administer programs such as irrigation water use analyses, irrigation surveys and/or irrigation audits, tiered water rate structures, water budgeting by parcel, or other approaches to achieve landscape water use efficiency community-wide to a level equivalent to or less than would be achieved by applying a MAWA calculated with an ETAF of 0.8 to all landscaped areas in the City over one acre in size.
- (c) The architectural guidelines of a common interest development, including apartments, condominiums, planned developments, and stock cooperatives, shall not prohibit or include conditions that have the effect of prohibiting the use of low-water use plants as a group.

Definitions

The terms used in these Design Standards have the meaning set forth below:

Backflow prevention device: a safety device used to prevent pollution or contamination of the water supply due to the reverse flow of water from the irrigation system.

Conversion factor: the number that converts acre-inches per acre per year to gallons per square foot per year.

Check valve” or “anti-drain valve: a valve located under a *sprinkler head*, or other location in the irrigation system, to hold water in the system to prevent drainage from *sprinkler heads* when the sprinkler is off.

Certificate of Completion: the certificate included as **Exhibit E** hereof that must be submitted to the *City* pursuant to Section 2.7(a) (1) of these Design Standards.

Certification of Design: the certification included as **Exhibit B** of these Design Standards that must be included in the Landscape Documentation Package pursuant to Section 2.1 of these Guidelines.

City: the City of Newport Beach, CA.

Common interest developments: community apartment projects, condominium projects, planned developments, and stock cooperatives per Civil Code Section 13

Discretionary approval: is typically required for landscape projects that are subject to site plan reviews, or where a variance from a local building or zoning code is requested, or other procedural processes apply such that standard or special conditions of approval may be required by the City. Discretionary projects with conditions of approval may be approved administratively by City staff, or acted on formally by the Planning Commission, City Council, or other jurisdictional authority. A typical standard condition of approval reads:

“Landscaping for the project shall be designed to comply with the City’s Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance and with the Design Standards for Implementation of the Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance.”

Distribution Uniformity or “DU”: is a measure of how uniformly an irrigation head applies water to a specific target area and theoretically ranges from zero to 100 percent.

Drip irrigation: any non-spray *low volume irrigation* system utilizing emission devices with a *flow rate* measured in gallons per hour. *Low volume irrigation* systems are specifically designed to apply small volumes of water slowly at or near the root zone of plants.

Emitter: a *drip irrigation* emission device that delivers water slowly from the system to the soil.

Estimated Applied Water Use or EAWU: the annual total amount of water estimated to keep plants in a healthy state. It is based on factors such as reference *evapotranspiration rate*, the size of the *landscaped area*, *plant water use factors*, and the *irrigation efficiency* within each hydrozone. (Water Efficient Landscape Worksheet: Appendix C)

Evapotranspiration adjustment factor or ETAF: is equal to the plant factor divided by the irrigation efficiency factor for a landscape project, as described in the Design Standards. The ETAF is calculated in the context of local reference evapotranspiration, using site-specific plant factors and irrigation efficiency factors that influence the amount of water that needs to be applied to the specific landscaped area

Evapotranspiration rate: the quantity of water evaporated from adjacent soil and other surfaces and transpired by plants during a specified time.

Flow rate: the rate at which water flows through pipes, *valves* and emission devices, measured in gallons per minute, gallons per hour, or cubic feet per second.

Hardscapes: any durable material or feature (*pervious* and *non-pervious*) installed in or around a *landscaped area*, such as pavements or walls. Pools and other water features are considered part of the *landscaped area* and not considered *hardscapes* for purposes of these Design Standards.

Hydrozone: a portion of the *landscaped area* having plants with similar water needs and typically irrigated by one *valve/controller station*. A *hydrozone* may be irrigated or non-irrigated.

Infiltration rate: the rate of water entry into the soil expressed as a depth of water per unit of time (e.g., inches per hour).

Invasive plants species or noxious: species of plants not historically found in California that spread outside cultivated areas and can damage environmental or economic resources. *Invasive plant species* may be regulated by county agricultural agencies as *noxious species*.

Irrigation audit: an in-depth evaluation of the performance of an irrigation system conducted by a *Certified Landscape Irrigation Auditor*. An *irrigation audit* includes, but is not limited to: inspection, system tune-up, system test with *distribution uniformity* or emission uniformity, reporting *overspray* or *runoff* that causes overland flow, and preparation of an irrigation schedule.

Irrigation Management Efficiency or IME: the measurement used to calculate the *irrigation efficiency* of the irrigation system for a landscaped project. A 90% IME can be

achieved by using evapotranspiration controllers, soil moisture sensors, and other methods that will adjust irrigation run times to meet plant water needs.

Irrigation efficiency” or “IE: the measurement of the amount of water beneficially used divided by the amount of water applied to a *landscaped area*. *Irrigation efficiency* is derived from measurements and estimates of irrigation system characteristics and management practices. The minimum average *irrigation efficiency* for purposes of these *Design Standards* is 0.71. Greater *irrigation efficiency* can be expected from well designed and maintained systems. The following irrigation efficiency may be obtained for the listed irrigation heads with an IME of 90%:

- a. Pop-up stream rotator heads = 75%
- b. Stream rotor heads = 75%
- c. Microspray = 75%
- d. Bubbler = 80%
- e. Drip emitter = 85%
- f. Subsurface irrigation = 90%

Landscape coefficient (KL): is the product of a *plant factor* multiplied by a density factor and a *microclimate* factor. The *landscape coefficient* is derived to estimate water loss from irrigated *landscaped areas* and *special landscaped areas*.

Landscape Documentation Package: the package of documents that a project applicant is required to submit to the City pursuant to Section 2.1 of these *Design Standards*.

Landscape rehabilitation project: any re-landscaping project that meets the criteria of Section 14.17.020 (Applicability), where the modified *landscaped area* is greater than 2,500 square feet (or 5,000 square feet for home owner installed), is 50% of the total *landscaped area*, and the modifications are planned to occur within one year

Landscaped area: all the planting areas, *turf* areas, and *water features* (including pools, ponds, fountains, etc.) in a Landscape Design Plan which are subject to, and must be included in, the *Maximum Applied Water Allowance* and *Estimated Applied Water Use* calculations. The *landscaped area* does not include footprints of buildings or structures, sidewalks, driveways, parking lots, decks, patios, gravel or stone walks, other *pervious* or *non-pervious hardscapes*, and other non-irrigated areas designated for non-development (e.g., open spaces and existing native vegetation).

Lateral line: the water delivery pipeline that supplies water to the *emitters* or sprinklers from the *valve*.

Licensed professional: a licensed *landscape architect*, California licensed landscape contractor, architect, civil engineer, or any other *person* authorized to design or construct a landscape pursuant to Sections 5500.1, 5615, 5641, 5641.1, 5641.2, 5641.3, 5641.4, 5641.5, 5641.6, 6701, 7027.5 of the California Business and Professions Code, Section 832.27 of Title 16 of the California Code of Regulations, and Section 6721 of the California Food and Agriculture Code.

Low volume irrigation: the application of irrigation water at low pressure through a system of tubing or *lateral lines* and low-volume *emitters* such as drip, drip lines, and bubblers. *Low volume irrigation* systems are specifically designed to apply small volumes of water slowly at or near the root zone of plants.

Low volume overhead irrigation: means aboveground irrigation heads with an upper flow limit of 0.5 GPM.

Main line: the pressurized pipeline that delivers water from the water source to the *valve* or outlet.

Maximum Applied Water Allowance or MAWA: means the upper limit of annual applied water for the established *landscaped area*, as specified in Section 2.2 of these *Design Standards*. It is based upon the area's *reference evapotranspiration*, the *ETAF*, and the size of the *landscaped area*. The *Estimated Applied Water Use* shall not exceed the *Maximum Applied Water Allowance*. (Water Efficient Landscape Worksheet: Appendix C)

Microclimate: the climate of a small, specific area that may contrast with the climate of the overall landscaped area due to factors such as wind, sun exposure, plant density, or proximity to reflective surfaces.

Ministerial Permit: an authorizing document issued by the City of Newport Beach Building Department in conjunction with a landscape project and which may include, but is not limited to: grading, pools, spas, fountains, ponds, retaining walls, fences and walls, shade structures, barbecues, outdoor fireplaces, grading, etc.

Mulch: any organic material such as leaves, bark, straw or compost, or inorganic mineral materials such as rocks, gravel, or decomposed granite left loose and applied to the soil surface for the beneficial purposes of reducing evaporation, suppressing weeds, moderating soil temperature, and preventing soil erosion.

New landscape installation project: a landscape installed in conjunction with new development, whether or not the new development includes construction of new building(s). (Examples of a new development not associated with a new building could include parks, playgrounds, and greenbelts).

Non-pervious: any surface or natural material that does not allow for the passage of water through the material and into the underlying soil.

Operating pressure: the pressure at which the parts of an irrigation system of

sprinklers are designed to operate at by the manufacturer

Overspray: the irrigation water which is delivered beyond the target area.

Person: means any natural person, firm, joint venture, joint stock company, partnership, public or private association, club, company, corporation, business trust, organization, public or private agency, government agency or institution, school district, college, university, any other user of water provided by the *City* or the *local water supplier*, or the manager, lessee, agent, servant, officer, or employee of any of them or any other entity which is recognized by law as the subject of rights or duties.

Pervious: any surface or material that allows the passage of water through the material and into the underlying soil.

Plant factor or plant water use factor: is a factor, when multiplied by *ET_o*, estimates the amount of water needed by plants. For purposes of this *Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance*, the *plant factor* range for low water use plants is 0 to 0.3; the *plant factor* range for moderate water use plants is 0.4 to 0.6; and the *plant factor* range for high water use plants is 0.7 to 1.0. *Plant factors* cited in these *Design Standards* are derived from the Department of Water Resources 2000 publication "Water Use Classification of Landscape Species."

Precipitation rate: the rate of application of water measured in inches per hour.

Project applicant: the person submitting a *Landscape Documentation Package* required under Section 2.1 to request a permit, plan check, or design review from the City. A *project applicant* may be the property owner or his or her designee.

Property owner or owner: the record owner of real property as shown on the most recently issued equalized assessment roll.

Recycled water or reclaimed water: treated or recycled waste water of a quality suitable for non-potable uses such as landscape irrigation and *water features*. This water is not intended for human consumption.

Reference evapotranspiration or ET_o: a standard measurement of environmental parameters which affect the water use of plants. *ET_o* is given expressed in inches per day, month, or year as represented in Appendix C of these *Design Standards*, and is an estimate of the evapotranspiration of a large field of four to seven-inch tall, cool-season grass that is well watered. *Reference evapotranspiration* is used as the basis of determining the *Maximum Applied Water Allowances*.

Runoff: water which is not absorbed by the soil or landscape to which it is applied and flows from the landscaped area. For example, *runoff* may result from water that is applied at too great a rate (application rate exceeds *infiltration rate*) or when there is a slope.

Special Landscaped Areas or SLA: an area of the landscape dedicated solely to edible plants such as orchards and vegetable gardens, areas irrigated with *recycled water*, *water features* using *recycled water*, or areas dedicated to active play such as parks, sports fields, golf courses, or where *turf* provides a playing surface. These areas may have an ET adjustment factor (ETAF) to 1.0 (100%).

Sprinkler head: a device which delivers water through a nozzle.

Static water pressure: the pipeline or municipal water supply pressure when water is not flowing.

Station: an area served by one *valve* or by a set of *valves* that operate simultaneously.

Swing joint: an irrigation component that provides a flexible, leak-free connection between the emission device and lateral pipeline to allow movement in any direction and to prevent equipment damage.

Turf: a ground cover surface of mowed grass. Annual bluegrass, Kentucky bluegrass, Perennial ryegrass, Red fescue, and Tall fescue are cool-season grasses. Bermudagrass, Kikuyugrass, Seashore Paspalum, St. Augustinegrass, Zoysiagrass, and Buffalo grass are warm-season grasses.

Valve: a device used to control the flow of water in an irrigation system

Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance: Ordinance No. _____ adopted by the City Council on _____, 2010, and codified in the Municipal Code in Chapter 14.17.

Water Efficient Landscape Worksheets: means the worksheets required to be completed pursuant to Section 2.2 of these *Design Standards* and which are included in **Appendix C**.

Water feature: a design element where open water performs an aesthetic or recreational function. *Water features* include ponds, lakes, waterfalls, fountains, artificial streams, spas, and swimming pools (where water is artificially supplied). The surface area of *water features* is included in the high water use *hydrozone* of the *landscaped area*. Constructed wetlands used for on-site wastewater treatment, habitat protection, or storm water best management practices that are not irrigated and used solely for water treatment or storm water retention are not *water features* and, therefore, are not subject to the water budget calculation.

Watering window: the time of day irrigation is allowed.

WUCOLS: the Water Use Classification of Landscape published by the University of California Cooperative Extension, the Department of Water Resources, and the Bureau of Reclamation, 2000. www.owue.water.ca.gov/docs/wucols00

CERTIFICATION OF LANDSCAPE DESIGN

I hereby certify that:

(1) I am a professional appropriately licensed in the State of California to provide professional landscape design services.

(2) The landscape design and water use calculations for the property located at _____
_____ (provide street address or parcel number(s)) were prepared by me or under my supervision.

(3) The landscape design and water use calculations for the identified property comply with the requirements of the City of _____ Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance (Municipal Code Sections _____) and the City of _____ Design Standards for Implementation of the City of _____ Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance.

(4) The information I have provided in this Certificate of Landscape Design is true and correct and is hereby submitted in compliance with the City of _____ Guidelines for Implementation of the City of _____ Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance.

Print Name

Date

Signature

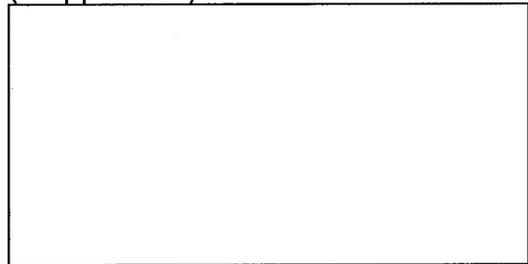
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(If applicable)



EXAMPLE WATER EFFICIENT LANDSCAPE WORKSHEET

This worksheet is filled out by the *project applicant* for each Point of Connection. Please complete all sections of the worksheet.

Point of Connection # 1

Maximum Applied Water Allowance (MAWA)

Total MAWA = (ETo x 0.7 x LA in Sq. Ft. x 0.62) + (ETo x 1.0 x SLA in Sq. Ft. x 0.62) = Gallons per year for LA+SLA

where:

MAWA = Maximum Applied Water Allowance (gallons per year)

ETo = Reference Evapotranspiration **Appendix D** (inches per year)

0.7 = Evapotranspiration Adjustment Factor (ETAF)

1.0 = ETAF for Special Landscaped Area

LA = Landscaped Area (square feet)

0.62 = Conversion factor (to gallons per square foot)

SLA = Special Landscaped Area (square feet)

Example Calculation: a hypothetical landscape project in Santa Ana, CA with an irrigated landscaped area of 40,000 square feet with 10,000 square feet of Special Landscaped Area. To calculate MAWA, the annual reference evapotranspiration value for Santa Ana is 48.2 inches as listed in the Reference Evapotranspiration Table in **Appendix D**.

	ETo	ETAF	LA or SLA (ft ²)	Conversion	MAWA (Gallons Per Year)
MAWA for LA	48.2	x 0.7	x 40,000	x 0.62	= 836,752
MAWA for SLA	48.2	x 1.0	x 10,000	x 0.62	= 298,840
=					
Total MAWA =			50,000		1,135,592 Gallons per year for LA+SLA

$$EAWU = ETo \times KL \times LA \times 0.62 \div IE = \text{Gallons per year}$$

where:

$EAWU$ = Estimated Applied Water Use (gallons per year)
 ETo = Reference Evapotranspiration **Appendix D** (inches per year)

KL = Landscape Coefficient

LA = Landscaped Area (square feet)

0.62 = Conversion factor (to gallons per square foot)

IE = Irrigation Efficiency = $IME \times DU$ (See definition in

Appendix A for example IE percentages)

IME = Irrigation Management Efficiency (90%)

DU = Distribution Uniformity of irrigation head

Example Calculation:

	ETo	KL	LA	Conversion	IE	EAWU (Gallons per year)
Special Landscaped Area	48.2	x 1.00	x 10,000	x 0.62	÷ 0.75	= 398,453
Cool Season Turf	48.2	x 1.00	x 0	x 0.62	÷ 0.71	= 0
Warm Season Turf	48.2	x 0.65	x 0	x 0.62	÷ 0.71	= 0
High Water Using Shrub	48.2	x 0.70	x 0	x 0.62	÷ 0.71	= 0
Medium Water Using Shrub	48.2	x 0.50	x 15,000	x 0.62	÷ 0.65	= 344,815
Low Water Using Shrub	48.2	x 0.30	x 25,000	x 0.62	÷ 0.75	= 298,840
Very Low Water Using Shrub	48.2	x 0.20	x 0	x 0.62	÷ 0.71	= 0
Other	48.2	x 0.50	x 0	x 0.62	÷ 0.71	= 0
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Total EAWU =			50,000			1,042,109 Gallons per year

Compare EAWU with MAWA.

The EAWU (1,042,109 gallons per year) is less than MAWA (1,135,592 gallons per year). For this example, the water budget complies with the MAWA.

$$KL = K_s \times K_d \times K_{mc}$$

K_s = species factor (range = 0.1-0.9) (see WUCOLS list for values)

K_d = density factor (range = 0.5-1.3) (see WUCOLS for density value ranges)

K_{mc} = microclimate factor (range = 0.5-1.4) (see WUCOLS)

WUCOLS – www.owue.water.ca.gov/docs/wucols00.pdf

List sprinkler heads, microspray, and drip emitters here along with average precipitation rate and Distribution Uniformity of Irrigation Head.

<u>Sprinkler Head Types</u>	<u>Average Precipitation Rate</u>	<u>Distribution Uniformity of Irrigation Head</u>
Drip		
Microspray		
Bubbler		
Low precipitation rotating nozzles		
Stream rotors		

WATER EFFICIENT LANDSCAPE WORKSHEET

This worksheet is filled out by the *project applicant* for each Point of Connection. Please complete all sections of the worksheet.

Point of Connection # _____

Maximum Applied Water Allowance (MAWA)

Total MAWA = (ETo x 0.7 x LA in Sq. Ft. x 0.62) + (ETo x 1.0 x SLA in Sq. Ft. x 0.62) = Gallons per year for LA+SLA

where:

- MAWA = Maximum Applied Water Allowance (gallons per year)
- ETo = Reference Evapotranspiration **Appendix D** (inches per year)
- 0.7 = Evapotranspiration Adjustment Factor (ETAF)
- 1.0 = ETAF for Special Landscaped Area
- LA = Landscaped Area (square feet)
- 0.62 = Conversion factor (to gallons per square foot)
- SLA = Special Landscaped Area (square feet)

MAWA Calculation:

	ETo	ETAF	LA or SLA (ft ²)	Conversion	MAWA (Gallons Per Year)
MAWA for LA =	x	0.7	x	x 0.62	=
MAWA for SLA =	x	1.0	x	x 0.62	=
Total MAWA =					

Estimated Applied Water Use

$EAWU = ETo \times KL \times LA \times 0.62 \div IE =$ Gallons per year

where:

$EAWU =$ Estimated Applied Water Use (gallons per year)
 $ETo =$ Reference Evapotranspiration **Appendix D** (inches per year)

$KL =$ Landscape Coefficient

$LA =$ Landscaped Area (square feet)

$0.62 =$ Conversion factor (to gallons per square foot)

$IE =$ Irrigation Efficiency = $IME \times DU$

$IME =$ Irrigation Management Efficiency (90%)

$DU =$ Distribution Uniformity of irrigation head

EAWU Calculation:

$K_L = K_s \times K_d \times K_{inc}$

$K_s =$ species factor (range = 0.1-0.9) (see WUCOLS list for values)

$K_d =$ density factor (range = 0.5-1.3) (see WUCOLS for density value ranges)

$K_{inc} =$ microclimate factor (range = 0.5-1.4) (see WUCOLS)

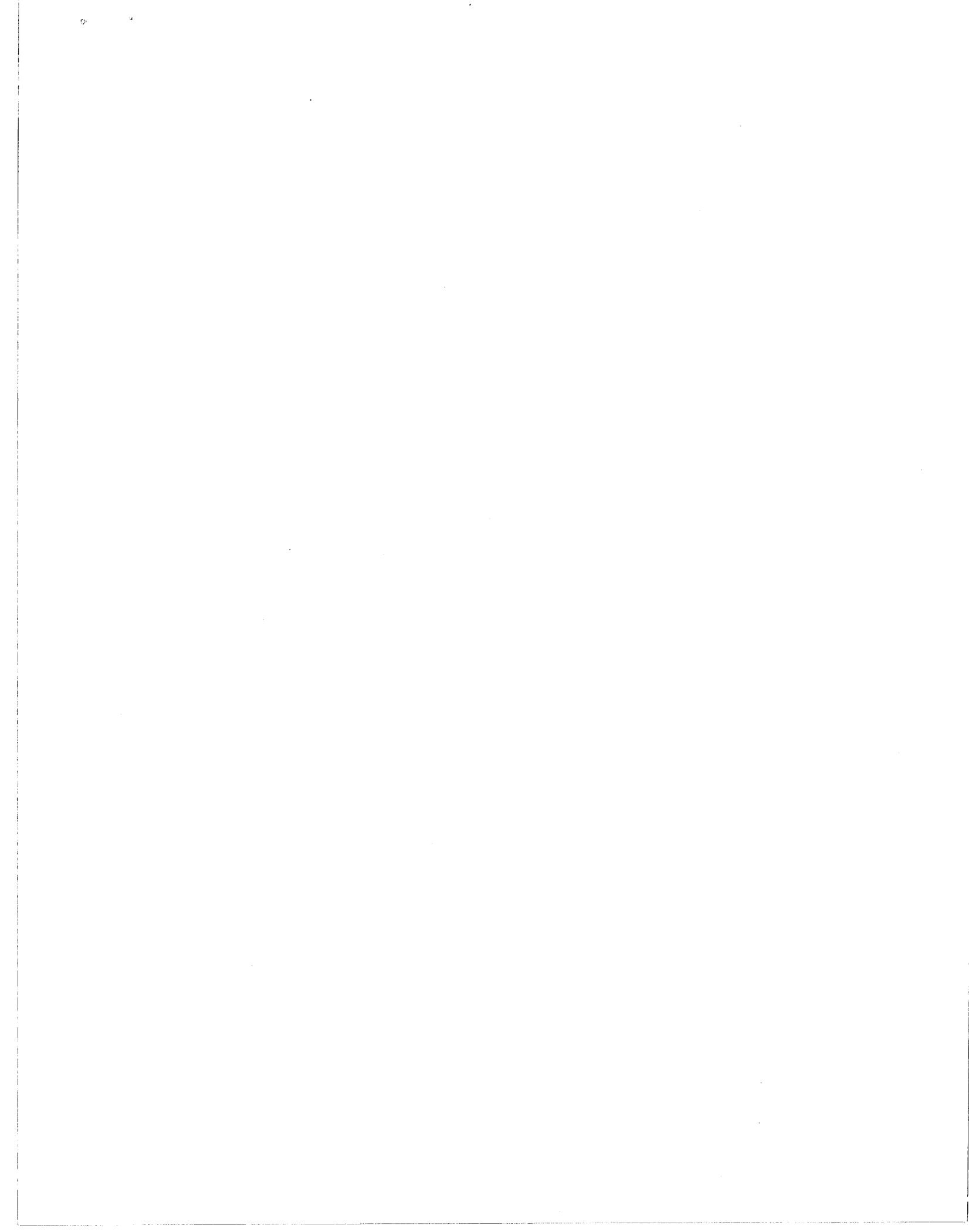
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	ETo	KL	LA	Conversion	IE	EAWU (Gallons Per Year)
Special Landscaped Area	x	x	x	0.62	÷	=
Cool Season Turf	x	x	x	0.62	÷	=
Warm Season Turf	x	x	x	0.62	÷	=
High Water Using Shrub	x	x	x	0.62	÷	=
Medium Water Using Shrub	x	x	x	0.62	÷	=
Low Water Using Shrub	x	x	x	0.62	÷	=
Very Low Water Using Shrubs	x	x	x	0.62	÷	=
	x	x	x	0.62	÷	=

		X	X	X	X	0.62	÷	=
		X	X	X	X	0.62	÷	=
		X	X	X	X	0.62	÷	=
		X	X	X	X	0.62	÷	=
	Other	X	X	X	X	0.62	÷	=
Total EAWU =								

List sprinkler heads, microspray, and drip emitters here along with average precipitation rate and Distribution Uniformity of Irrigation Head.

<u>Sprinkler Head Types</u>	<u>Average Precipitation Rate</u>	<u>Distribution Uniformity of Irrigation Head</u>
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Appendix D

Reference Evapotranspiration (ETo) Table

Appendix C - Reference Evapotranspiration (ETo) Table*													
County and City	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual ETo
Orange													
Irvine	2.2	2.5	3.7	4.7	5.2	5.9	6.3	6.2	4.6	3.7	2.6	2.3	49.6
Laguna Beach	2.2	2.7	3.4	3.8	4.6	4.6	4.9	4.9	4.4	3.4	2.4	2.0	43.2
Santa Ana	2.2	2.7	3.7	4.5	4.6	5.4	6.2	6.1	4.7	3.7	2.5	2.0	48.2
* The values in this table were derived from:1) California Irrigation Management Information System (CIMIS) 2) Reference													
EvapoTranspiration Zones Map, UC Dept. of Land, Air & Water Resources and California Dept of Water Resources 1999,													
3) Reference Evapotranspiration for California, University of California, Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources													
(1987) Bulletin 1922 4) Determining Daily Reference Evapotranspiration, Cooperative Extension UC Division of													
Agriculture and Natural Resources (1987), Publication Leaflet 21426													

LANDSCAPE INSTALLATION CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION

I hereby certify that:

(1) I am a professional appropriately licensed in the State of California to provide professional landscape design services.

(2) The landscape project for the property located at _____ (provide street address or parcel number(s)) was installed by me or under my supervision.

(3) The landscaping for the identified property has been installed in substantial conformance with the approved Landscape Documentation Package and complies with the requirements of the City of _____ Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance (Municipal Code Sections _____) and the City of _____ Design Standards for Implementation of the City of _____ Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance for the efficient use of water in the landscape.

(4) The information I have provided in this Landscape Installation Certificate of Completion is true and correct and is hereby submitted in compliance with the City of _____ Guidelines for Implementation of the City of _____ Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance.

Print Name

Date

Signature

License Number

Address

Telephone

E-mail Address

Landscape Design Professional's Stamp
(If Appropriate)

