



**Planning and Development Department**

April 7, 2010

Mr. Simon Eching  
California Department of Water Resources  
Office of Water Use Efficiency  
901 P Street, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
P.O. Box 942836  
Sacramento, CA 94236-0001

**Subject:** Notification of City of Berkeley Plans to Implement a Local Water Conservation in Landscaping Ordinance

Dear Mr. Eching:

Pursuant to AB 1881, Section 65597, cities within California are obligated to notify the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) as to whether they are subject to the DWR updated model water-efficient landscape ordinance (DWR Model Ordinance) or whether they shall adopt their own water-efficient landscape ordinance.

The City of Berkeley is writing to inform you that we are in the process of developing our own Sustainable Landscaping Ordinance, which we will send DWR when complete. We understand that the DWR Model Ordinance is in effect until a local ordinance is adopted.

Berkeley has a strong commitment to conserving water and protecting our local watershed. We are providing copies of the DWR Model Ordinance to project applicants that are subject to the requirements and we are enforcing the requirements through the zoning permit process.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Wendy Cosin", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Wendy Cosin  
Deputy Planning Director