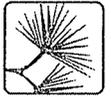




City of Del Mar



January 26, 2010

Via U.S. Mail

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

CITY OF DEL MAR WATER EFFICIENT LANDSCAPE ORDINANCE

Dear Mr. Eching:

The City of Del Mar has a long-standing policy of promoting water conservation, and continues to implement its existing Water Conservation and, Emergency Water Management ordinances (Title 21, Chapters 60 & 70 of the Del Mar Municipal Code(DMMC)), as well as the appropriate sections of its Stormwater Management and Discharge Control Ordinance (DMMC Title 11, Chapter 30). In compliance with the Water Conservation in Landscaping Act of 2006 (Assembly Bill 1881, Laird) ("ACT"), the City of Del Mar is actively working on the modification of our existing water conservation ordinances to meet the requirements of the Department of Water Resources (DWR) Model Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance (MWELO). In March 2009, the Del Mar City Council formed an Ad-Hoc Water Conservation Citizen's Advisory Committee to work with staff in reviewing the MWELO, and adapting it to local conditions.

Unfortunately, due to the eight (8) month delay in the release of the Final MWELO by the DWR, the City of Del Mar was unable to adopt the necessary modifications by the January 1, 2010 deadline. However, the Committee anticipates making its recommendations to the City Council in the next month, and we will be moving forward with the formal adoption of the revisions to our local ordinances as soon as possible thereafter. The City of Del Mar anticipates adoption of these revisions, based on the revised MWELO, by June 2010.

In the meantime, in accordance with the Act, the City of Del Mar recognizes that the requirements of the MWELO are applicable to the citizens of Del Mar, and are working diligently to come into full compliance with the requirements of the Act.



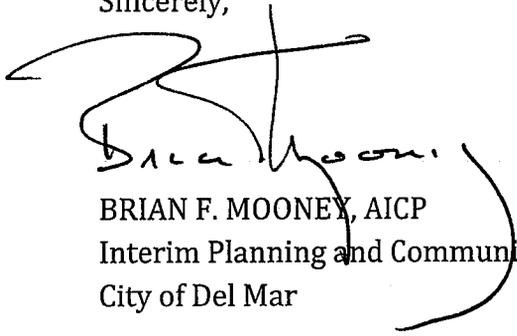
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If you have any questions regarding the activities of the Committee, or the progress of our work on the revisions to our local ordinances, feel free to contact Mr. Joseph DeStefano, our Clean Water Manager, at (858) 704-3652 or by email at CleanWater@delmar.ca.us.

Sincerely,



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