



January 13, 2010

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Pursuant to the Water Conservation in Landscaping Act of 2006 (AB 1881, Laird) this letter is to inform you that the City will implement the provisions of the Department of Water Resources' Model Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance (MWELo) effective January 1, 2010. Due to the timing of the October release of the MWELo, the City has not had sufficient time to develop and adopt its own ordinance and will therefore implement the provisions of the DWR's MWELo, as allowed.

The City does intend to develop its own version of the ordinance in the near future and will benefit from lessons learned while implementing the provisions of the MWELo as well through working with representatives from EBMUD as they respond to the Act and update their materials, processes and services. Such lessons will be integrated into the City's future ordinance.

If you have any questions, please contact Jennifer Carman, Planning Manager at 510-215-4332 or Melanie Mintz, Environmental Services Division Manager at 510-215-4339.

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Scott Hanin
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