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RE: The Water Conservation Landscaping Act of 2006

Mr. Simon Eching:

Tulare County is exceedingly aware of the need to conserve water when and where possible. In 1993, the County adopted its own Water Efficient Landscaping Ordinance (Ord. No. 3029). On June 2, 2009, the Board of Supervisors approved a blanket amendment initiation to Ordinance No. 352 (Zoning Ordinance). The blanket amendment initiation will allow the County to update a number of priority policies that promote the public health, safety and general welfare of the citizens of Tulare County and provide for effective use of land and other resources. The County's Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance is one of several ordinance amendments included in an Ordinance Master List of which the County is currently working.

The Model Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance (MWELO) that the Department of Water Resources (DWR) has prepared is a very comprehensive document. The MWELO is likely more efficient in the conservation of water than the County's 1993 Ordinance. Therefore, pursuant to Government Code Section 65597 the County of Tulare is notifying DWR as of January 1, 2010 and/or until the County amends its Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance, the MWELO will apply and will be enforced by Tulare County to its best ability and shall have the same force and effect as if adopted.

The County looks forward to continued compliance with the requirements of the California Department of Water Resources.

Sincerely,

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