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Commenter #9 – Condensed

Original document is entire text of ordinance in PDF with sticky notes.

Section 490 Purpose

(6) Urban forestry protection needs to be a part of the Master Plan purpose. Trees are integral to healthy urban infrastructure, benefiting air quality, pollution control, reduction of storm-water runoff, etc. A provision should be spelled out and added to weigh the value of trees, over plants like turf which can be re-placed.

(7) A tier structure needs to consider what plants are being watered. Incentives to plant larger trees that can mitigate water loss, or local beneficial edible species should be considered. Cumulatively even on smaller properties, this can make a significant difference in how water resources are being managed statewide.

Section 492.6 Landscape Design Plan

(a) (1)(B) Trees should be encouraged, and local tree ordinances are often inconsistent, and may be unintentionally limiting. Few recommend native trees, and urban specs for large box trees frequently create future shallow root zones using more water than necessary.

(b) (10) Urban trees aid in mitigating storm-water runoff and their presence should be considered part of this provision.

(b)(13) Certified Arborists and University of CA Certified Master Gardeners should be included as trees and many other plants are frequently improperly watered.

493.1 Irrigation Audit, Irrigation Survey, and Irrigation Water Use Analysis

(a)(2)

Who qualifies for a meter?

Appendix A Reference Evapotranspiration Tables

Why isn't the east county of San Diego better represented here? Inland communities like El Cajon, Spring Valley and La Mesa have greater water needs than San Diego, but are not as extreme as Ramona or Pine Valley. Shouldn't these locations be water districts, like Helix Water District, not political boundaries?