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Ms. Gwen Huff
Office of Water Use Efficiency and Transfers
Department of Water Resources
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Subject: Comments on the Modified Text of the Proposed Model Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance

Dear Ms. Huff;

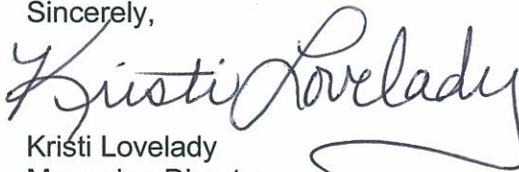
Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the modified text of the proposed Model Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance. The Riverside County Water Task Force (Task Force) is a strong supporter of water-use efficiency and the reduction of waste.

The Riverside County Landscape Efficiency Sub-Committee of the Task Force has reviewed the updated proposed Model Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance, and found only minor corrections as attached. The Water Task Force supports DWR's efforts on this ordinance and would encourage that the ordinance be finalized as soon as possible.

Through collaborative efforts between planning agencies and water purveyors, the Task Force has approved a draft of a local water efficient landscape ordinance. We look forward to working with DWR to develop a process for determining local ordinances "at least effective as" the State ordinance.

Again, thank you for the opportunity to comment. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Chairperson of the Riverside County Task Force Landscape Efficiency Sub-Committee, Elizabeth Lovsted, at Eastern Municipal Water District at (951) 928-3777, Ext. 4307.

Sincerely,



Kristi Lovelady
Managing Director
Riverside County Water Task Force

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Comments

Page 6 - 491(vv): The last word of the sentence should remain plural as “landscapes.”

Page 16 – 492.5(a)(1)(B)6: Remove comma after the semi-colon.

Page 19 – 492.6(b)(end of section): “Note: Authority Cited: Section 65595.” This needs the words “Government Code” reinstated.

Page 22 - 492.7(b)(7): Define “irrigation consultant.”

Page 28 – 492.12 (a), page 31 493.1(b): What defines a “certified” landscape irrigation auditor? Sections 65595 and 65596 of the Government Code do not specifically address this.

Page 14 (3 places), page 35 (2 places): Place parentheses in the bracketed portion of the MAWA formula:

“ $[(0.7 \times LA) + (0.3 \times SLA)]$ ”