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Good afternoon,

While fully supporting the intent and purpose of the Model Water Efficient Ordinance I am concerned about the 70% ET adjustment factor in the MAWA calculation. With the wide variety of climates in California the imposition of a standard ET adjustment factor is too simplistic. 70% is overly generous for some regions and not enough for the more arid regions of our state. ET adjustment factors should be based on climate zones and not a one size fits all regulation for the entire state. If the ordinance is viewed as uninformed and over-zealous by the landscape industry, compliance will be difficult to achieve and the ultimate goal of conserving water will not be met.

Thank You

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