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Subject: CIWMB Comments on Ordinance and Outreach

Rick,

Thank you for taking the time today to discuss potential revisions to the Model Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance. I was also pleased to learn about DWR's plan to develop an educational outreach effort to promote water efficient landscaping in California.

Our suggestion regarding the Model Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance is in bold type in the following section . Per our discussion, we kept it simple and general.

§492.7. Soil Management Plan.

3. Prior to installation, an on-site soil assessment by a qualified soil specialist that identifies soil attributes or conditions that may minimize water use efficiency or limit plant growth shall be required. The on-site soil assessment shall:

- a) identify planting or turf areas that may need amendment;*
- b) provide a statement of recommendations to correct or improve soil conditions (i.e., applying **high-quality compost** as a soil amendment in planting and turf areas);*

After the ordinance is approved by OAL and the Department begins to develop its outreach program, we would be very please to participate in that effort. Per our conversation, I've attached the draft Watershed Friendly, Sustainable Landscape Guidelines that were developed for the Air Resources Board Scoping Plan Measure Development and Cost Analysis Template. I also would like to provide the following link to The North Natomas Landscape Plant Guidelines which were developed to reduce green waste and conserve water by reducing the over planting of trees, shrubs, and groundcovers in new developments.

<http://www.ciwmb.ca.gov/Organics/Landscaping/Natomas/default.htm>

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