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Subject: [MWEO] Comments to Model Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance - Cityof La Palma
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Please see attached letter. Original will also be mailed.

Sincerely,

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Dear Ms. Colvin:

The City of La Palma appreciates the opportunity to provide comments to the Model Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance (Model Ordinance).

The City of La Palma is supportive of water conservation efforts and currently encourages project applicants to use native and drought tolerant plant species, whenever possible, and efficiently designed irrigation systems for their developments.

Upon review of the Model Ordinance, it is the City's belief that proper application, monitoring, and enforcement of the Model Ordinance, or one locally approved as effective as the proposed, will result in a significant work burden on existing staff. The calculations to be performed as part of the water efficient landscape worksheet will require significant detailed review by staff to ensure correct calculations by the applicant. This detailed level of analysis and review will probably result in the need to retain professional services of a landscape architect to perform this work.

Thank you for consideration of the City's comments. I can be reached at (714) 690-3322, should you have any questions.

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