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Section 491 - Definitions

62. Clarify as this relates to Def #43 "plant factor" for low to moderate water use plants. As written, the lower range of the high water use plants could be considered "water conserving".

Section 492.8 - Landscape Design Plan, and other plans

The word "Specification" is misleading since it normally refers to the technical specifications of construction. Perhaps "Requirements" would be a clearer choice.

492.8.1 - Criteria (b) (4)

Requiring only drip or subsurface irrigation for all planting areas within 24" of non-permeable hardscape would increase system complexity, cost and maintenance effort (cost). Change the wording to refer to "low volume irrigation" per Definition #33.

492.8.2 - change to "Requirements"; same for the other plan descriptions

- (a) Site Plan
- (b) Hydrozone Plan
- (c) Planting Plan
- (f) 2 and 3 should be moved to Section 492.10 - Grading Plan

492.9.1 (a) (5) - Is rain unfavorable? Suggest including "...precipitation and unfavorable..."

492.9.1 (b) (9) - delete "drip and subsurface irrigation" and instead allow "low volume irrigation" per Definition #33.

Appendix B - Sample Water Efficient Landscape Worksheet

Coordinate the list of plans with 492.8.2 and others, i.e. Site Plan, Hydrozone Plan etc.

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