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**From:** mweo-bounces@water.ca.gov on behalf of marikwo@yahoo.com  
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**To:** mweo@water.ca.gov  
**Subject:** [MWE0] Model Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance Comments on FinalDraft

Dear Ms. Colvin

I strongly support the Department of Water Resources (DWR) plan to amend the Model Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance (MO). I commend DWR for updating the MO in order to reduce Californias water use.

In particular, I support the following changes to the MO:

1. A Reduction of Evapotranspiration Adjustment Factor (ETAF) to 0.7. The switch from 0.8 to 0.7 can be easily attained with minor improvements in irrigation efficiency.
2. A 24 Setback. The current draft of the MO proposes that landscapes that are within 24 inches of nonpermeable hardscape, such as a sidewalk, need to be watered with drip or subsurface irrigation. This amendment will do much to reduce runoff and improve water quality.
3. Increased Compliance and Enforcement Mechanisms. The proposed MO clearly identifies the required elements and responsible parties during the design, installation and inspection, and provides for local enforcement.

Urban landscapes are vital to the quality of life in California communities but landscape irrigation is the single largest use of water in urban areas. I am tired of seeing organizations and municipalities watering their lawns during the middle of a summer's day in 90 degree heat, with streams running over into the street. Evidently more rules are needed to give guidance to those who have no common sense.

Sincerely,

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