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**To:** MWEO  
**Subject:** Comments re- November 26, Model Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance  
**Attachments:** IEUA Comment Letter.pdf

Dear Mr. Eching,

Please find IEUA's comments on the November 26<sup>th</sup> Model Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance.

Thank you,

~Liz

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Mr. Simon Eching  
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Dear Mr. Eching:

Thank you for the second opportunity to review and comment on the revised Model Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance. The Inland Empire Utilities Agency (IEUA) is concerned about the seriousness of the state's current water supply situation and applaud the Department's hard work that went into incorporating the comments received to create the current draft.

IEUA appreciates how the revision allows local governments more flexibility and discretion concerning implementation, and have only two remaining comments:

Comment 050.1

1. IEUA fully supports the definition and alteration to the MAWA for "special landscape areas" and strongly request that you clarify that when water features are filled with recycled water (such as a decorative lake or stream) that such areas receive the same designation.

Comment 050.2

2. Section 494.9 requires that property owners undergo three different inspections to receive a certificate of completion: 1) a preliminary inspection; 2) a final inspection; and 3) an irrigation audit. IEUA recommends combining the final inspection and irrigation audit to streamline the process.

Again, thank you for your consideration of our comments. IEUA strongly believes that a well designed model landscape ordinance will promote both water conservation and beautiful landscapes in California and that the revised Model Ordinance will help achieve these goals.

Respectfully yours,

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