



Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance Reporting Form

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1a	Is your agency adopting a single agency ordinance OR a regional agency alliance ordinance?	Single Agency Ordinance ▼
1b	Date of adoption OR anticipated adoption:	January 26, 2016
2a	Reporting period:	
2b	December 1, 2015 through December 28, 2015 (all agencies)	<input type="radio"/>
2c	February 1, 2016 through February 28, 2016 (additional reporting period for agencies crafting regional ordinances with other agencies)	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
3a	Are you using:	a locally modified Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance (WELO) ▼
3b	For agencies who have adopted a modified WELO	
3c	Is it at least as efficient as MWELO?	Yes ▼
3d	URL for your WELO	
3e	List major changes from the State's MWELO	Major differences are layout, there is less information in the ordinance and more in the guidelines; ET calls are specific to Anaheim (no other statewide information is included), references are made to the Anaheim municipal code regarding fire and other landscape requirements.
3f	If specific types of projects are exempt (other than those already specified in MWELO), state what they are and the sections of the ordinance that they are exempt from.	None.
3g	Have elements from other regulations been incorporated (e.g., tree shading percent coverage requirement, stormwater capture requirements).	Yes ▼
3h	If yes, describe:	Reference to other portions of the Anaheim Municipal Code for fire and landscape requirements.
4	If other agencies are implementing the ordinance, explain their role:	Anaheim worked with other Orange County cities and agencies to develop the draft ordinance and guidelines. Each city or agency then made specific changes for approval by their governing body.
5	Permitted projects subject to the ordinance during the reporting period (*e.g., single family residences, commercial projects, landscape retrofits for which permits were finalized during the reporting period, etc.):	Three projects were initiated and permitted within the period of 2/1/16 to 2/29/16.



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6a	Total landscape area subject to the ordinance over the reporting period:	-
6b	Unit of Measure (sq. ft. or acres)	Square Feet ▼
7a	During the reporting period, how many of the following types of projects did your agency issue final permits on:	
7b	new housing starts	-
7c	new commercial projects	-
7d	landscape retrofits	-
8	Describe the procedure for review of projects subject to the ordinance:	<p>Any project requiring plan check or design review must indicate 1) whether any new landscape area with an aggregate landscape area equal to or greater than 500 square feet, or 2) any remodeled project area landscape with an aggregate area equal to or greater than 2,500 square feet is associated with the project. If new or rehabilitated landscape projects with an aggregate landscape area of 2,500 square feet or less comply with the performance requirements of the Guidelines or conform to the prescriptive measures, the Prescriptive Compliance Option may be followed and completed prior to permit issuance; otherwise a Landscape Documentation Package is required to be completed prior to permit issuance.</p>
9a	Describe actions taken to verify compliance:	Prior to or at the time of final inspection, the certificate of completion (within the Guidelines), a certificate of installation, an irrigation schedule and a schedule of landscape, and irrigation maintenance must be provided to verify compliance.
9b	Is a plan check performed?	Yes ▼
9c	If so, by what entity?	Plan check is performed by City Planning Department, Building Division, and or Anaheim Public Utilities staff, depending on the project type.



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10	<p>Describe implementation and enforcement measures:</p>	<p>A plan check is performed and the Prescriptive Compliance Option or Landscape Documentation Package is reviewed. Prior to or at the time of final inspection, the certificate of completion (within the Guidelines), a certificate of installation, an irrigation schedule and a schedule of landscape, and irrigation maintenance must be provided to verify compliance. Plan check is performed by City Planning Department, Building Division, and APU staff. Per the State MWEL0 and City ordinance, an irrigation audit report from a landscape irrigation auditor or third party certified landscape irrigation auditor may be required at the option of the City. This is considered on a case by case basis.</p> <p>Post-installation certification by a landscape professional that the landscape project has been installed per the approved Landscape Documentation Package is required. Certification must state that the landscaping has been installed in substantial conformance to the design plans, and complies with the provisions of the Ordinance for the efficient use of water in the landscape.</p> <p>Adherence to the ordinance is required to receive a building, grading, right of way, and or water permit. Prior to issuance of a permit, post-installation certification by a landscape professional that the landscape project has been installed per the approved Landscape Documentation Package is required. Certification must state that the landscaping has been installed in substantial conformance to the design plans, and complies with the provisions of the Landscape Water Efficiency Ordinance for the efficient use of water in the landscape.</p>
11	<p>Explain challenges to implementing and enforcing the ordinance:</p>	<p>Challenges related to implementation include: a short period for approval and implementation; updating and modification of City of Anaheim permit workflow and software systems to required MWEL0 data reporting requests which were not previously tracked; preparation of updated educational materials, and training of staff on short notice.</p>
12	<p>Describe educational and other needs to properly apply the ordinance:</p>	<p>The City of Anaheim is updating a water conversation customer kit to introduce customers and professionals with the new guidelines for landscaping projects within Anaheim. The following items are included: landscaping to save water pamphlet, save water outdoors brochure, landscape water efficiency ordinance brochure, landscape water efficiency guidelines, listing of California landscape design personnel titles and definitions. The updated package will be available at all permit counters within the City. The City also prepares and distributes numerous documents on the conservation of water; these include information about designing, installing, managing, and maintaining water efficient landscapes.</p>
13	<p>Additional Comments:</p>	<p>This spreadsheet does not work correctly. The State classifications (e.g. single family residences, commercial projects, landscape retrofits) are not consistent with the way building and development departments in the State track permits. The three permits that were subject to the ordinance were housing retrofits.</p>



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Please submit reports, including a copy of your local water efficient landscape ordinance, via email to WELO@water.ca.gov by December 31, 2015. Agencies preparing a regional ordinance must submit an additional report by March 1, 2016. For questions, please call Ms. Julie Saare-Edmonds at (916) 651-9676.