



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:	December 14, 2015: Council adoption of WELO ordinance January 13, 2016: Effective date of WELO ordinance
2a	Reporting period:	
2b	December 1, 2015 through December 28, 2015 (all agencies)	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
2c	February 1, 2016 through February 28, 2016 (additional reporting period for agencies crafting regional ordinances with other agencies)	<input 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	http://www.ci.clovis.ca.us/Depts-Services/Public-Utilities/Water
3e	List major changes from the State's MWELO	1. The Prescriptive Method is an option available to all Single-family Residential lots. 2. Projects over 5,000 sf and using the Prescriptive Method are required to have a dedicated landscape meter or submeter. 3. Single-family Residential lots using the Prescriptive Method for only the front yard installation by the Developer are required to also provide a plan for the completion of the back yard.
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.	Not applicable
3g	Have elements from other regulations been incorporated (e.g., tree shading percent coverage requirement, stormwater capture requirements).	No
3h	If yes, describe:	
4	If other agencies are implementing the ordinance, explain their role:	
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.):	1. New Single-family and Multi-family Residential projects issued during the reporting period 2. New Non-Residential projects issued during the reporting period 3. Landscape retrofits for which permits were issued during the reporting period 4. Single-family residences which permits were issued during the reporting period
6a	Total landscape area subject to the ordinance over the reporting period:	92,021 (36,065 is finalized)
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	112 (22 are finalized)
7c	new commercial projects	10 (1 is finalized)
7d	landscape retrofits	n/a
8	Describe the procedure for review of projects subject to the ordinance:	The review of landscapes for subdivisions and commercial developments is completed as part of the required infrastructure plan review for the project. The plans include the WELO calculations and provide sufficient instruction to insure that the construction and post construction requirements of WELO are met. Individual single family parcel landscapes that are installed by the a developer or a property owner are reviewed and approved as part of the City's building permit issuance process.
9a	Describe actions taken to verify compliance:	Permits issued during the reporting period are not granted a final or a certificate of occupancy until they have shown compliance.
9b	Is a plan check performed?	Yes
9c	If so, by what entity?	Staff from the Building and Engineering divisions
10	Describe implementation and enforcement measures:	The City has incorporated the evaluation and review of landscaping into its review and approval process for development projects so that all projects requiring a permit and including a new or rehabilitated landscape will be reviewed for compliance and inspected in accordance with WELO.
11	Explain challenges to implementing and enforcing the ordinance:	Implementing the ordinance with the new findings by the State which redefined the individual parcel landscapes in single family subdivisions as being included in the developer's aggregate total landscaped area added a significant, unfunded burden to City resources. Clear guidance from the State regarding some specific implementation questions of the MWELO and the intent of some of the provisions is somewhat lacking. With some exceptions, agencies are generally left to make their own judgement as to what is allowed and what is not under the ordinance.
12	Describe educational and other needs to properly apply the ordinance:	Development of a staff "expert" in the matters of applying the WELO is an imperative in order for it to be properly applied. This requires either hiring a landscape professional or investing in the training of staff so that there is a general, well rounded understanding of landscaping systems and products, plants, and a detailed understanding of how to apply the WELO from design through post construction.
13	Additional Comments:	

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.