



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:	6/1/2016
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:	the Model Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance (MWELo) ▼
3b	For agencies who have adopted a modified WELO	
3c	Is it at least as efficient as MWELo?	▼
3d	URL for your WELO	
3e	List major changes from the State's MWELo	
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.	
3g	Have elements from other regulations been incorporated (e.g., tree shading percent coverage requirement, stormwater capture requirements).	▼
3h	If yes, describe:	
4	If other agencies are implementing the ordinance, explain their role:	n/a
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.):	single-family residences
6a	Total landscape area subject to the ordinance over the reporting period:	50, 785 square feet
6b	Unit of Measure (sq. ft. or acres)	Square Feet ▼



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7a	During the reporting period, how many of the following types of projects did your agency issue final permits on:	
7b	new housing starts	25
7c	new commercial projects	none
7d	landscape retrofits	none
8	Describe the procedure for review of projects subject to the ordinance:	Planning Division staff reviews development applications for inclusion of a planting and irrigation plan. Proposed plant materials are reviewed for lower water needs. For example, use of sod is expressly discouraged. We incorporate the changes pursuant to the new State MWELO to supplement the city's existing landscape ordinance as part of our review procedure.
9a	Describe actions taken to verify compliance:	Self-certification by Developer's landscape architect.
9b	Is a plan check performed?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>
9c	If so, by what entity?	city staff and/or consultant firm
10	Describe implementation and enforcement measures:	At time of site inspection for building permit final sign-off, Planning Division staff and/or a qualified consultant landsape professional will review the plants and irrigation for compliance with the approved plans. Applicants prepare a landscape installation report to verify and confirm the water calculations and landscaping and irrigation systems were installed as specified in the approved plans.
11	Explain challenges to implementing and enforcing the ordinance:	A major challenge to implementing the new MWELO was timing of the changes. The Governor's executive order was issued in April, and the Planning Division staff did not have adequate time to overhaul our existing ordinance in response - the training we received on these changes was in late October 2015. Also, we do not have landsape professionals on staff to assist with the implementation, so this is an additional burden for our limited staff.
12	Describe educational and other needs to properly apply the ordinance:	An in-house landscape architect to assist in reviews at both planning entitlement and building permit plancheck stages would be highly desirable.
13	Additional Comments:	Examples of what other agencies have done to simplify the implementation of the new MWELO would be helpful. We would like to update our ordinance to incorporate MWELO's expectations, and we would like to have tools available to assist our customers with efficient implementation of the ordinance as well.

[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.](mailto:WELO@water.ca.gov)