



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:	Defaulting to MWELo per AB 1881
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.):	1 secondary unit and landscape retrofit project approved by Planning
6a	Total landscape area subject to the ordinance over the reporting period:	8,300.0
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	None
7c	new commercial projects	None
7d	landscape retrofits	One permit approved through Planning
8	Describe the procedure for review of projects subject to the ordinance:	To date compliance and enforcement has been irregular. More recently, Oakland has implemented a new permitting system which should help track compliance and enforcement. Furthermore, staff has developed a Standard Condition of Approval applicable to Projects that trip the threshold. Projects that exceed 25,000 sq. ft. must also submit the Bay-Friendly Basics Landscape Checklist
9a	Describe actions taken to verify compliance:	See Question #8.
9b	Is a plan check performed?	No <input type="checkbox"/>
9c	If so, by what entity?	
10	Describe implementation and enforcement measures:	See Question #8.
11	Explain challenges to implementing and enforcing the ordinance:	City of Oakland does not issue separate or specific landscape permits. The permit listed above was only reviewed as it included construction of a secondary unit, grading for a pool, and retaining walls. A Landscape Plan is only required for review for new construction and residential additions over 500 sq. ft. Even for these projects, new landscaping may not be installed and many applications only indicate existing landscaping on their landscape plans. The City of Oakland Zoning Code only requires installation of street trees and buffering of parking lots and loading areas, though these can be accomplished via fencing. We don't require a certain amount of landscaping be installed. Furthermore, landscaping is typically installed after building projects have been completed and finalized. If we take in a Landscaping Bond it is generally for installation of street trees. Due to the lack of adequate planning and building staff as well as budgetary and resource constraints, the City believes that enforcement of water limitations devoted to landscaping should be done through water utilities rather than municipalities.
12	Describe educational and other needs to properly apply the ordinance:	
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.](mailto:WELO@water.ca.gov)