



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:	2/23/2016
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:	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.codepublishing.com/CA/SantaCruz/html/SantaCruz16/SantaCruz1616.html#16.16
3e	List major changes from the State's MWELO	1) applies to more projects, 2) stronger water conservation standards throughout, 3) requires physical inspection, 4) much easier to communicate than state's model
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.	See section 16.16.030(b)
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:	The City of Santa Cruz reviews landscape plans not only inside the City but also outside the City within the water service territory in unincorporated santa Cruz County and part of the City of Capitola .
5	Permitted projects subject to the ordinance during the reporting period (*e.g., single family residences, commercial projects, landscape retrofits for which permits were finaled during the reporting period, etc.):	
6a	Total landscape area subject to the ordinance over the reporting period:	1



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6b	Unit of Measure (sq. ft. or acres)	
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:	Planning permits receive a preliminary review; building permits undergo thorough plan check. Plans must be professionally prepared. Building permits are not approved until they meet city landscape water conservation standards. Progress and final inspections are conducted on properties with dedicated irrigation accounts.
9a	Describe actions taken to verify compliance:	See above
9b	Is a plan check performed?	Yes
9c	If so, by what entity?	Water Conservation staff
10	Describe implementation and enforcement measures:	
11	Explain challenges to implementing and enforcing the ordinance:	
12	Describe educational and other needs to properly apply the ordinance:	
13	Additional Comments:	The City will forward its updated ordinance after adoption by City Council in early 2016

[Please submit reports, including a copy of your local water efficient landscape ordinance, via email to \[WELO@water.ca.gov\]\(mailto:WELO@water.ca.gov\) 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.](#)