



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:	12/1/2015
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	www.srcity.org/welo
3e	List major changes from the State's MWELO	Applicability includes all new and rehabilitated landscape projects that require a building or grading permit, plan check, design review or utilities certificate. No Prescriptive Option. Must incorporate compost into the soil to a minimum depth of 8" minimum rate of six cubic yards per 1,000 sqft. No turf allowed in areas 8' or less. Point source irrigation is required where plant height at maturity will affect the uniformity of an overhead system. Weather-based or other sensor based self-adjusting irrigation controllers utilizing non-volatile memory are required. Grading Design Plan required where slopes exceed 10%.
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, storm water capture requirements).	No ▼
3h	If yes, describe:	
4	If other agencies are implementing the ordinance, explain their role:	



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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.):	All new and rehabilitated landscape projects that require a building or grading permit, plan check, design review or utilities certificate.
6a	Total landscape area subject to the ordinance over the reporting period:	73,046
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	42
7c	new commercial projects	-
7d	landscape retrofits	-
8	Describe the procedure for review of projects subject to the ordinance:	The landscape and planting plan set is reviewed for design compliance with the City of Santa Rosa Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance.
9a	Describe actions taken to verify compliance:	The landscape is inspected to verify compliance with the approved compliant plans.
9b	Is a plan check performed?	Yes ▼
9c	If so, by what entity?	The Engineering Development Services division of the City of Santa Rosa's Planning and Economic Development Department.
10	Describe implementation and enforcement measures:	See 9a. In addition an audit is performed.
11	Explain challenges to implementing and enforcing the ordinance:	One of the main challenges is keeping the landscape community abreast of the changes in dynamic environment of WELO review. Another is the lack of landscaping expertise in the division that performs the review. Staff uniquely suited for this type of review is generally not present within the entities that perform the review of building, planning and engineering applications. The volume of WELO reviews and the growing complexities associated with the plan check and inspection responsibilities also presents a significant challenge. Many agencies are still suffering from the economic downturn and do not possess the resources to properly address the additional workload.
12	Describe educational and other needs to properly apply the ordinance:	Education is needed to keep landscape designers and architects updated as regulations change. Training is in the planning process now.
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.