



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:	12/8/2015
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	To Be Determined
3e	List major changes from the State's MWELO	<p>Applicability: Allows the prescriptive compliance option for Home-owner installed or hired residential landscapes of up to 5,000 square feet and applies the full provisions to all developer installed landscapes. This change simplifies compliance for homeowners while ensuring water savings.</p> <p>Graywater/Rainwater: An incentive for the use of rainwater/graywater/recycled water has been added.</p>
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.	No projects other than those already specified in MWELO are exempt.
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:	NA
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.):	No projects subject to the ordinance had permits finalized during the reporting period.



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6a	Total landscape area subject to the ordinance over the reporting period:	-
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	-
7c	new commercial projects	-
7d	landscape retrofits	-
8	Describe the procedure for review of projects subject to the ordinance:	<p>A landscape plan check shall be required prior to commencing any construction on a landscape project subject to the provisions of this chapter.</p> <p>A landscape plan check application shall be filed with the department on a county application form. Each landscape plan check application shall include all required fees and/or deposits, and all plans and specifications, and other information, materials, and submittals required to demonstrate compliance with the local ordinance. Landscape plan check verifies submitted water budget calculations, irrigation, hydrozones, and turf cover are within the parameters prescribed in the ordinance.</p>
9a	Describe actions taken to verify compliance:	Self-certification of compliance is acceptable for projects using the prescriptive compliance measure. No other project applicant shall be deemed to have complied with the provisions of this chapter until a final inspection of the work has been completed.
9b	Is a plan check performed?	Yes ▼
9c	If so, by what entity?	Sonoma County Permit and Resource Management Department, and third party plan check by a licensed landscape architect is allowed.
10	Describe implementation and enforcement measures:	Permits for projects subject to WELO will not be issued prior to landscaping plan check.
11	Explain challenges to implementing and enforcing the ordinance:	The major challenge to implementing and enforcing the ordinance is ensuring that the landscaping is not later replaced by less efficient landscaping.
12	Describe educational and other needs to properly apply the ordinance:	Additional training for landscape plan check should be made available.
13	Additional Comments:	None.

[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)