



# Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance Reporting Form

C1	<b>Agency Name:</b>	Tuolumne County Community Resources Agency
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1a	<b>Is your agency adopting a single agency ordinance OR a regional agency alliance ordinance?</b>	Single Agency Ordinance ▼
1b	<b>Date of adoption OR anticipated adoption:</b>	12/15/2015
2a	<b>Reporting period:</b>	
2b	<b>December 1, 2015 through December 28, 2015 (all agencies)</b>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
2c	<b>February 1, 2016 through February 28, 2016 (additional reporting period for agencies crafting regional ordinances with other agencies)</b>	<input type="radio"/>
3a	<b>Are you using:</b>	a locally modified Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance (WELO) ▼
3b	<b>For agencies who have adopted a modified WELO</b>	
3c	<b>Is it at least as efficient as MWELO?</b>	Yes ▼
3d	<b>URL for your WELO</b>	<a href="http://www.tuolumnecounty.ca.gov/DocumentCenter/View/394">www.tuolumnecounty.ca.gov/DocumentCenter/View/394</a>
3e	<b>List major changes from the State's MWELO</b>	Tuolumne County's WELO allows developers two options: 1) the State's MWELO, or 2) a local option that requires all landscape plants have a very low or low water use.
3f	<b>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.</b>	Single-family residences on individual lots that do not have developer-installed landscaping are exempt from the Ordinance. (Section 15.28.020(B))
3g	<b>Have elements from other regulations been incorporated (e.g., tree shading percent coverage requirement, stormwater capture requirements).</b>	Yes ▼
3h	<b>If yes, describe:</b>	1. Retention of native vegetation to maximum extent feasible. 2. Plant placement must incorporate solar orientation for summer shade and winter solar gain.
4	<b>If other agencies are implementing the ordinance, explain their role:</b>	No other agencies are implementing the Ordinance.
5	<b>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.):</b>	No permitted project subject to the Ordinance received Certificates of Occupancy during the reporting period.
6a	<b>Total landscape area subject to the ordinance over the reporting period:</b>	1 <span style="float: right;">0 acres</span>



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6b	<b>Unit of Measure (sq. ft. or acres)</b>	Acres <span style="float: right;">▼</span>
7a	<b>During the reporting period, how many of the following types of projects did your agency issue final permits on:</b>	
7b	<b>new housing starts</b>	none
7c	<b>new commercial projects</b>	none
7d	<b>landscape retrofits</b>	none
8	<b>Describe the procedure for review of projects subject to the ordinance:</b>	Prior to issuance of a Building Permit, the Landscape Plans are reviewed by a County Planner to verify compliance with the Ordinance.
9a	<b>Describe actions taken to verify compliance:</b>	
9b	<b>Is a plan check performed?</b>	Yes <span style="float: right;">▼</span>
9c	<b>If so, by what entity?</b>	Planning Division of the Community Resources Agency
10	<b>Describe implementation and enforcement measures:</b>	Prior to issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy, the landscaping is inspected by a County Planner to verify compliance with the approved Landscape Plans. Violations of the Ordinance are addressed through the County Code Compliance Ordinance. (Section 15.28.220)
11	<b>Explain challenges to implementing and enforcing the ordinance:</b>	Many developers and Landscape Plan preparers are not familiar with the State MWELO and do not understand the reasons for the Ordinance and the need to conserve water.
12	<b>Describe educational and other needs to properly apply the ordinance:</b>	All landscape professional organizations should be educated on the State MWELO and the need to conserve water in landscape plans.
13	<b>Additional Comments:</b>	Another revision to the County's Ordinance reduced the amount of landscaping required to 10% of the site for commercial, industrial and multiple-family projects. This is a reduction from 20% for sites less than one acre and a reduction from 15% for sites between one and five acres.

[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)