



# Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance Reporting Form

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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>	12/8/2015
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://records.cityofvista.com/weblink8/0/doc/11105/Page1.aspx">http://records.cityofvista.com/weblink8/0/doc/11105/Page1.aspx</a>
3e	<b>List major changes from the State's MWELO</b>	The City of Vista's Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance and Landscape Manual meet or exceed the requirements of the California Department of Water Resources Model Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance by making the Plant Factors and Irrigation Efficiency more restrictive; by requiring drip irrigation in all landscaped areas except slopes (grades 4:1 or steeper) and turf areas, and by restricting the use of turf to areas that have recreation utility or serve as bio-swales/bio-retention areas. The supplement requirements described in the prior sentence are provided in lieu of requirements for the installation of flow sensors/master valves and separate irrigation water meters on single family residential projects and the requirement to perform landscape irrigation audits on single family residential projects.
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>	N/A
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>	<a href="http://www.cityofvista.com/home/showdocument?id=578">http://www.cityofvista.com/home/showdocument?id=578</a>
4	<b>If other agencies are implementing the ordinance, explain their role:</b>	N/A  1



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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>	The City did not permit any applicable projects during the reporting period from December 1, 2015 to December 28, 2015.
6a	<b>Total landscape area subject to the ordinance over the reporting period:</b>	See response to question 5
6b	<b>Unit of Measure (sq. ft. or acres)</b>	▼
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>	-
7c	<b>new commercial projects</b>	-
7d	<b>landscape retrofits</b>	-
8	<b>Describe the procedure for review of projects subject to the ordinance:</b>	The City maintains a separate Landscape Manual which methodically describes the review procedures for project applicable to the Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance. Refer to Section 3 "Landscape Documentation Package; Processing and Approval Requirements" in the attached Landscape Manual.
9a	<b>Describe actions taken to verify compliance:</b>	The City's Landscape Manual includes specific inspection submittal requirements associated with project compliance. Please refer to Section 3 "Landscape Documentation Package; Processing and Approval Requirements" in the attached Landscape Manual.
9b	<b>Is a plan check performed?</b>	Yes ▼
9c	<b>If so, by what entity?</b>	Planning Division
10	<b>Describe implementation and enforcement measures:</b>	City of Vista Planning Department is responsible for implementing the Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance. To assist the public in preparing the required landscape documentation and installation, the City has adopted the attached Landscape Manual.
11	<b>Explain challenges to implementing and enforcing the ordinance:</b>	Limited staff and financial constraints.
12	<b>Describe educational and other needs to properly apply the ordinance:</b>	
13	<b>Additional Comments:</b>	The URL for the City of Vista Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance contains the previous version of the document. Once the Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance update becomes effective (January 8, 2016), the updated version of the ordinance will be incorporated into the City's website. The updated version of the ordinance is included as an attachment to this report.

[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)