

Comment from Dinah Irino, Sec. Central Coast Chapter CLCA

Hello Julie,

I am a landscape designer and the Secretary of the Central Coast Chapter of CLCA. I have a few comments about the Draft Landscape Water Use Efficiency.

Section 5 Recommendation #2 (page 12)

Will the irrigation audit be required on all properties over an acre or only those chosen by the water providers?

My thinking is that **all** properties would be overwhelming. Perhaps it could be at the water providers discretion (unusually high water use or customer request). And if it triggers an audit, how many "every 3 years"? I suggest "until an efficient irrigation system is achieved"?

Section 7 Recommendation #5 (page 41 - "Point of Installation Identification")

Keeping labels on trees and shrubs is easy. Keeping labels on annuals, herbaceous perennials, bulbs, and ground cover would be difficult. I suggest requiring the person who inspects and signs off on the project to be knowledgeable in plant material (a "third party" landscape professional) and that person would be verifying/certifying type and species whether the labels were there or not.

Thanks,  
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