



Water-Efficient Landscape Ordinance



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LOCAL AGENCIES HAVE BEEN REQUIRED TO ADOPT WATER EFFICIENT LANDSCAPE ORDINANCES...

The Water Conservation Act of 2006 (AB 1881) requires that all local agencies, not later than January 1, 2010, adopt Water Efficient Landscape Ordinances for new and existing landscapes to promote the conservation and efficient use of water and to prevent the waste of this valuable resource.

All new construction and rehabilitated landscapes for public agency projects and private development projects, and developer-installed single-family and multi-family projects, with a landscape area equal to or greater than 2,500 square feet, requiring a building or landscape permit, plan check or design review must comply with these new water conservation ordinances.

All new construction landscapes which are homeowner-provided and/or homeowner-hired in single-family and multi-family residential projects with a total project landscape area equal to or greater than 5,000 square feet, requiring a building or landscape permit, plan check or design review; existing landscapes (limited); and cem-

eteries (limited) are also required to comply.

If your project falls under one of these included categories, depending on your location, you may be required to submit a water efficient landscape worksheet package including a hydrozone information table, estimated total water use calculations ("ETWU"), maximum applied water allowance figures ("MAWA"), and controller timing-scheduling charts, along with your irrigation design plan. After installation, you may also need to submit a certificate of completion, an irrigation auditing report, and a proposed maintenance schedule.



The Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance aims to promote the conservation and efficient use of water and prevent waste of such a valuable resource.

OASIS ASSOCIATES IRRIGATION AND DESIGN SERVICES

- In-house irrigation design (residential, commercial, industrial, and institutional projects);
- Construction document preparation;
- Product specification and technical guidelines;
- Preparation of probable construction cost estimates;
- Water efficient landscape worksheet preparation;
- Irrigation control & maintenance scheduling;
- LEED document preparation;
- Irrigation auditing, survey, and analysis;
- Recycled/reclaimed water & well systems;
- Water analysis (irrigation suitability).



WATER EFFICIENT LANDSCAPE ORDINANCE CONT...

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

City of San Luis Obispo (2010). Water Efficient Landscape Standards and Irrigation Design Standards for the City of San Luis Obispo. www.slocity.org/utilities/landscape-ord.asp.

Department of Water Resources (2010). Updated Model Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance AB 1881. www.water.ca.gov/wateruseefficiency/landscapeordinance/.

Department of Water Resources (2010). List of Example Water Efficient Landscape Ordinances. <ftp://ftp.water.ca.gov/Model-Water-Efficient-Landscape-Ordinance/Local-Ordinances/>.

Department of Water Resources (2010). California Code of Regulations, Title 23: Waters, Chapter 2.7: Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance. www.water.ca.gov/wateruseefficiency/docs/MWEL009-10-09.pdf.

Department of Water Resources (2010). Workshop Presentation Slides: Background Information for the Updated Model Water Efficient Landscape Ordinances. www.water.ca.gov/wateruseefficiency/landscapeordinance/workshop/Background.pdf.



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A focus on our client's objectives and the synergy between our land use planning and landscape architecture disciplines has resulted in the success of our endeavors. Our commitment to thoroughly analyze a project and our ability to solve complex problems require innovative and thoughtful planning and design skills. With this expertise, we continually strive to create the best possible project.

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