



Public Hearing Item 10:

Consideration Second Reading and Adoption of Ordinance No. 172, An Ordinance of the MPWMD Amending Regional Water Efficient Landscape Requirements in Compliance with the California Code of Regulations, Title 23, Division 2, Chapter 2.7, California Model Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance

Ordinance No. 172

- Ord 172 reflects a regional approach to State-mandated landscape requirements
 - Comprehensive Rule 142.1
 - Coordinated with Jurisdictions
- Creates stand-alone rule for water efficient landscape requirements
 - MPWMD adopted the State's MWELO November 16, 2009 (Ordinance 141, Rule 142, Water Efficiency Standards)
 - Revised MWELO adopted by State (9/15/2015)

California's Water Efficient Landscape Requirements

- Establishes a structure for designing, installing, maintaining, and managing water efficient landscapes
- Reduces landscape water use to the lowest practical amount
- Promotes the use of alternative water sources (rainwater and graywater)
- Promotes the values and benefits of landscapes while recognizing the need to use water and other resources efficiently

Which Landscapes are Effected?

- Projects requiring a grading permit, building permit or design approval with an associated new aggregate Landscape Area equal to or greater than five hundred (500) square feet
- Rehabilitated Landscape projects > 2,500 square feet
- Landscape Manual provides guidance, formulas, and forms
- Smaller Landscape Areas (between 500 and 2,500 square feet) can elect to use a simpler “prescriptive compliance” process

What is Required?

- Landscape design plan
 - Water efficient plants in hydrozones (similar water needs)
 - Compost and mulch to retain moisture
- Irrigation plan
 - Water efficient design
- Water budget
 - Ensures that actual water use will be efficient (ETWU less than MAWA)
- Grading plan (when applicable)
 - Keep water on-site
 - To be reviewed by Jurisdiction

Recommendation

- Staff recommends the Board approve the second reading of Ordinance No. 172

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