



AB 1572
Ban on Irrigation
of
Non-Functional Turf

What is Non-Functional Turf?

- Decorative and has no other recreational function
- Examples:
 - Grass located outside and around businesses & churches
 - Turf in parking lots and road medians



What is Functional Turf?

- Used for recreational and community purposes:
 - Sports fields
 - Picnic areas/community space
 - Golf courses
 - Playgrounds, pet exercise areas and cemeteries
 - Areas irrigated with recycled water
- Note that the legislation does not address residential turf

Ban Implemented in Stages

- 2027 – Properties owned by state & local governments and local & regional public agencies
- 2028 – Commercial and industrial properties
- 2029 – Common areas of homeowners’ associations and CIDs
- 2031 – Properties owned by local governments in disadvantaged communities or when state funding for turf replacement is available



Key Points of the Law

- Prohibition on Non-Functional Turf irrigation
- Civil penalties for non-compliance
- Alignment with State Water Board regulations

Reporting Requirements



- 2027 – Public Water Systems must revise their regulations to include the requirements and communicate to customers before 2027
- 2030 – CII property with >5,000 SF must certify with the State by June 30 & every 3 years through 2039 that their property meets the requirements
- 2030 – HOAs, CIDs, & community service organizations (and similar entities) must certify with the State by June 30 & every 3 years through 2039 that their property meets the requirements

MPWMD Action

- Identify and maintain list of Non-Functional Turf locations
- Outreach to property owners
- Developing program to assist with new water efficient landscape plans
- Water waste enforcement

Questions?

