



Consider First Reading of Ordinance No. 199 – Amending Rule 142.1, Water Efficient Landscape Requirements

October 20, 2025

Ordinance No. 199

- State law required adoption of a landscape ordinance in 2016 that was at least as effective as the State's model ordinance
- MPWMD adopted Ord No. 172, adding Rule 142.1, Water Efficient Landscape Requirements to the rules
- MPWMD permits, enforces, and reports on all landscape projects that require permits in the District

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- Ord. 199 implements recent changes to the State Model Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance
 - Simplified process
 - Clarified procedures
- Replaces District Rule 142.1
- Moves all landscape water use references from Rule 24 to Rule 142.1

Applicability

Requirements apply to:

- New construction (landscape over 500 sf)
- Rehabilitated landscapes greater than 2,500 sf
- Landscape projects undertaken within a year of completion of construction projects, including to repair unintended damage to existing landscapes

Recommendation

- Ordinance No. 199 is exempt from review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15307.
- The ordinance was supported by the Water Demand Committee, and the TAC has had an opportunity to review and comment
- The Board should conduct a public hearing before moving Ordinance No. 199 to second reading