

### Model Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance Revisions

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# Executive Order B-29-15 April 1, 2015, Directive #11

- Directs DWR to revise the landscape
   Ordinance to:
  - Increase efficiency standards
  - Require reporting on adoption and implementation by local land use agencies



## Ordinance Background

- First adopted in 1992 and updated in 2009
- Applies primarily to new development and retrofit landscapes requiring a permit
- Uses a water allowance approach
- Applies to over 500 land use agencies (cities and counties) across the state
- Local agencies can adopt their own ordinance but must be "at least as effective" as the state's





#### **Process**

April 1, 2015 Executive Order released

April/May
 Stakeholder meetings

June
 Released Public Draft for comment

July 15 California Water Commission approves revised ordinance

 August 10 Submitted to Office of Administrative Law (File and Print)

September ?? OAL sends ordinance to Secretary of State





#### Revised Ordinance-

- Lowers maximum applied water allowance
- Lowers landscape size threshold
- Specifies new reporting requirements





# Lowers Maximum Applied Water Allowance

- Residential allows for 25% turf
- Commercial, industrial and institutional requirements limit turf except where used for specific function





Santa Rosa



Martinez - several CA Natives





### Size Threshold

- landscape size threshold lowered from 2500 sq. ft to 500 sq. ft.
  - Checklist compliance approach provided for landscapes between 500 and 2500 sq. ft.





# Specifies New Reporting Requirements

- Local agency adoption by December 1, 2015
  - Regional ordinance adoption by February 1, 2016
- Local agency reporting by December 31, 2015
  - Reporting on regional ordinance adoption by March 1, 2016





### Outreach and Training

- Guidance document released October I
- 8 workshops across the state in October

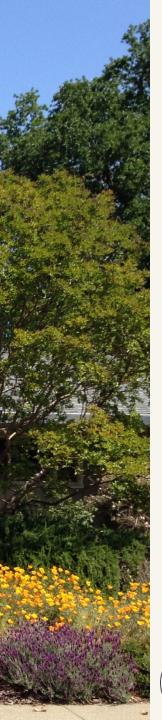




# Landscape Stakeholder Committee

 DWR will form a landscape stakeholder committee in 2016 to discuss future revisions of the ordinance





## Other Urban WUE Programs

August 12 State Turf Replacement and Toilet

Rebates Available

Turf: www.water.ca.gov/turf

Toilets: www.water.ca.gov/toiletretrofit

Oct 2015 Draft Guidelines for CalConserve Loan

Program





### Contact Information

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http://www.water.ca.gov/wateruseefficiency/landscapeordinance/

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