



SUTTER COUNTY

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Building Inspection
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Environmental Health

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WATER EFFICIENT LANDSCAPE WORKSHEET – PRESCRIPTIVE COMPLIANCE OPTION

As Required by Zoning Code Sections 1500-06-050 C. (Residential Uses) and Table 1500-07-3 2. k. (Commercial/Industrial Uses)

Applicability: New development projects that have between **500 square feet and 2,500 square feet of landscape area**. Compliance with the requirements listed below shall be deemed to meet the “Prescriptive Compliance” requirements of the California Model Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance (MWELO) Appendix D (Prescriptive Compliance) requirements.

Compliance with the following items is mandatory and must be documented in the Landscape Document Package in order to use the prescriptive compliance option:

PROJECT INFORMATION

Date		
Project Applicant	Telephone No.	
	Email Address	
Project Street Address	APN #	
	lot number(s) (if available)	
City	Zip Code	
Project Type (e.g., new residential, new non-residential, rehabilitated, homeowner-installed, public, private, cemetery)		
Water Supply Type (e.g., potable, recycled, well and identify water purveyor if not served by a private well)		
Total Landscape Area (s.f.) *	Turf area (s.f.)	Non-turf area (s.f.)
Other high water use plants or features (description and s.f. if applicable)		

* Total landscape area equals all the irrigated planting areas, turf, and water features and does not include the building footprint or hardscapes such as sidewalks, driveways, parking lots, decks, patios, gravel or stone walks, other pervious or non-pervious hardscapes, and other non-irrigated areas designated for non-development (e.g., open spaces and existing native vegetation).

COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS

Requirements for all projects	Yes	No	N/A
Areas landscaped with live plant material have incorporated compost at a rate of at least 4 cubic yards per 1,000 square feet to a depth of 6 inches.			
Is there a minimum of 3 inches of mulch applied to all exposed soil surfaces of planting areas except in turf areas, creeping or rooting groundcovers, or direct seeding applications where mulch is contraindicated?			
Requirements for residential projects	Yes	No	N/A
Install climate adapted plants that require occasional, little or no summer water (average WUCOLS plant factor 0.3) for 75% of the plant area excluding edibles and areas using recycled water. Will this project comply with this requirement?			
Total turf/grass area shall not exceed 25% of the landscape area. Will this project comply with this requirement?			
Turf shall not be planted on sloped areas which exceed a slope of 1-foot vertical elevation change for every 4 feet of horizontal length. Will this project comply with this requirement?			
Turf is prohibited in parkways less than 10 feet wide unless the parkway is adjacent to a parking strip and used to enter and exit vehicles. Any turf in parkways must be irrigated by sub-surface irrigation or by other technology that creates no overspray or runoff. Will this project comply with this requirement?			
Requirements for non-residential projects	Yes	No	N/A
Install climate adapted plants from the County's approved Preferred Plant Materials List that require occasional, little or no summer water (average WUCOLS plant factor 0.3) for 100% of the plant area excluding edibles and areas using recycled water. Will this project comply with this requirement?			
For prescriptive compliance, there shall be no turf in non-residential projects.			
For non-residential projects with landscape areas of 1,000 sq. ft. or more, a private submeter(s) to measure landscape water use shall be installed. Will this project comply with this requirement?			
Irrigation System Requirements for all projects	Yes	No	N/A
Automatic irrigation controllers are required and must use evapotranspiration or soil moisture sensor data and utilize a rain sensor. Will this project comply with this requirement?			
Irrigation controllers shall be of a type which does not lose programming data in the event the primary source is interrupted. Will this project comply with this requirement?			
Pressure regulators shall be installed on the irrigation system to ensure the dynamic pressure of the system is within the manufacturer's recommended pressure range. Will this project comply with this requirement?			
Manual shut-off valves (such as a gate valve, ball valve, or butterfly valve) shall be installed as close as possible to the point of connection of the water supply. Will this project comply with this requirement?			
All irrigation emission devices must meet the requirements set in the ANSI standard. ASABE/ICC 802-2014. "Landscape Irrigation Sprinkler and Emitter Standard," All sprinkler heads installed in the landscape must document a distribution uniformity low quarter of 0.65 or higher using the protocol defined in ASABE/ICC 802-2014. Will this project comply with this requirement?			
Areas less than 10 feet in width in any direction shall be irrigated with subsurface irrigation or other means that produces no runoff or overspray. Will this project comply with this requirement?			

LANDSCAPE PLANS

Landscape and irrigation plans shall be drawn to scale and shall at a minimum include the following: with dimensions of all landscape areas identified.

- Dimensions of all landscape areas.
- Proposed plant locations, species, sizes, and water use needs (i.e., low, medium, or high as identified on the County's Preferred Plant Materials List. All water features shall be identified as high-water use and temporarily irrigated areas shall be identified as low water use.
- Location of any existing trees over six inches in diameter, and whether such tree(s) is proposed for retention or removal.
- Location and type of any existing and/or proposed fencing.
- Location and type of any existing and/or proposed paving or hardscape material(s).
- Irrigation plan that at a minimum indicates the location, type, and size of all components of the irrigation system and demonstrates compliance with the requirements of the MWELO and applicable sections of Articles 5, 6, and 7 of the Sutter County Zoning Code.
- Any additional proposed landscape elements and any other measures to facilitate plant growth or control erosion.

COMPLIANCE STATEMENT

The following shall be signed by the preparer of the landscape document package. ***“Under penalty of perjury, the information provided above in the ‘Compliance Requirements’ section is accurate, and I agree to comply with the requirements of the prescriptive compliance option to the MWELO and applicable Sections of the Sutter County Zoning Code.”***

Signature

Date