



Model Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance (MWELO)

What is MWELO?

The Model Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance is a statewide water conservation law for new and renovated landscapes. The ordinance applies to any single-family or multi-family residential, public, institutional, or commercial project that requires a permit, plan check or design review from the local reviewing agency and meets one of the following size thresholds:

- **New construction projects** with a total landscape area greater than **500 sq ft**
- **Rehabilitations of existing landscape** with a total landscape area greater than **2,500 sq ft**

Submittal Requirements

Prescriptive Compliance Option

If your development proposes less than 2,500 square feet of total landscape area you can use the prescriptive compliance option. **Before construction**, submit the following documents to the local reviewing agency:

- Landscape Design Plan
- Project Information
- Prescriptive Path (Appendix D) Checklist

At the final inspection, submit the following document to the property owner:

- Certificate of Completion
- Certificate of Installation
- Irrigation Schedule
- Schedule of landscape and Irrigation Maintenance

Performance Compliance Option

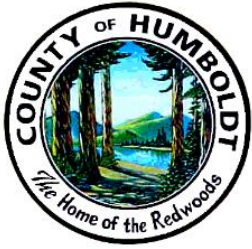
Prior to landscape construction, submit a signed **Landscape Documentation Package** along with your building permit application.

This includes:

- Project Information
- Water Budget/Water Use Calculator
- Soil Management Report
- Landscape Design Plan, Plant Legend and Specifications
- Irrigation Plan
- Hydrozone Plan
- Grading Plan

After the permit is approved and the landscape installed, submit a **Certificate of Completion** which includes:

- Project Information
- Certification that landscape is built per plans
- As-built drawings (if necessary to show major changes)
- Irrigation diagram showing hydrozones
- Irrigation scheduling parameters
- Landscape and Irrigation Maintenance Schedule
- Irrigation Audit Report
- Soil Report (if not submitted during design)
- Verification of implementation of report recommendations



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MWELo CERTIFICATION

**APPLICATION SECTION FOR LANDSCAPE DOCUMENTATION PACKAGE
(REQUIRED FOR MWELo)**

**SECTION IV
LANDSCAPE DOCUMENTATION**

- Currently, this project **does not** include irrigated landscaping. I am aware that future landscape installations may be required to comply with the Model Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance (MWELo) requirements per California Code of Regulations, Title 23, Division 2, Chapter 2.7.
- This project **does** incorporate irrigated landscaping. Please provide the information below specific to the landscape area which will be completed as part of this project and specify the compliance method to be used:

Total Landscape Area (sq. ft.)(Turf+Non-Turf+Special): _____

Turf Area (sq. ft.): _____

Non-Turf Plan Area (sq. ft.): _____

Special Landscape Area (sq. ft.): _____

Water Type (*potable, recycled, well*): _____

Name of water purveyor (*If not served by private well*): _____

Compliance Method

- Less than 500 square feet of irrigated landscaping (exempt from MWELo)
 No irrigation system proposed (exempt from MWELo)
 Prescriptive (500 - 2,500 square feet)
 Performance (2,500 square feet or greater)

Signature

I certify the above information is correct and agree to comply with the requirements of the MWELo.

Signature of property owner or authorized representative

Date