"Get a Grip on Drip"

Jim Borneman – Ewing Irrigation Products













The One Thing

Drip Irrigation systems are popular for their low pressure requirements and slow precise application of water. Many drip systems do not have this capability due to poor scheduling. This is largely the case because their rates of application are not known

The Situation

Irrigation runoff with drip irrigation systems into the waterways of the state and within the drip zones shifting water away from the intended target. A significant loss of plant material due to poor scheduling. Much of this occurs because drip application rates are not known!

This area is under drip (point source) irrigation. How many minutes per week should it be watered in Sacramento in July



This area is under line source (brown tubing) irrigation. How long should this station water?



The Answer!

Who could know with such limited information?

Irrigation runoff in a common area in north Chico, CA



This water in the gutter pan the morning after an irrigation event



The soil appears dry, but water is seeping out under the curb





Valve boxes are all flooded!





Look to the Irrigation Controller for site information – area irrigated, plant material, and application rate!



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No information on sprinkler type or application rates, limited info on plant material



This residential landscape has flow information for all stations



The area in square feet of each valve circuit (hydrozone) is known so application rates can be calculated



The map makes scheduling easier. A separate sheet shows plant material by circuit. Note precipitation/application rates



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Where we're trying to go today!

Match the Plant Water Requirement to the Irrigation Application Rate and develop a run time in minutes (without runoff)

Run Time Formula – Point Source Irrigation





Run Time Formula – Line Source Drip Irrigation





Determining Plant Water Requirements

CIMIS – (California Irrigation Management Information System)-Plant Water Requirement in Inches / Month ET_o – evapotranspiration – transpiration and evaporation are indicators of plant water use and this is expressed in inches

California Irrigation Management Information System (CIMIS)

CIMIS Monthly Average ETo Report

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Average ETo Values by Station

Stn Id	Stn Name	CIMIS Region	Jan (in)	Feb (in)	Mar (in)	Apr (in)	May (in)	Jun (in)	Jul (in)	Aug (in)	Sep (in)	Oct (in)	Nov (in)	Dec (in)	Total (in)
170	Concord	SFB	1.31	1.96	3.41	4.71	6.34	7.20	7.45	6.66	4.99	3.27	1.72	1.08	50.10

What if your landscape is outside the area served by a CIMIS weather station – SPATIAL CIMIS

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2. Select one-to-many stations. Click on Column headers to sort

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124	Panoche	San Joaquin Valley	Fresno	Active	7/27/1995	***	
125	Arvin-Edison	San Joaquin Valley	Kern	Active	3/22/1995		
126	San Benito	Monterey Bay	San Benito	Active	6/9/1994		i
129	Pajaro	Monterey Bay	Monterey	Active	9/13/1995		
131	Fair Oaks	Sacramento Valley	Sacramento	Active	4/18/1997		
135	Blythe NE	Imperial/Coachella Valley	Riverside	Active	1/16/1997		
136	Oasis	Imperial/Coachella Valley	Riverside	Active	1/7/1007		

So we know to a certainty how much water plants generally need in inches of water per month or per day from CIMIS - ET_0

How much water do specific ornamental shrubs trees and groundcovers need relative to the ET₀?

The Answer is WUCOLS! (water use classification of landscape species) a key resource for WELO

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WUCOLS IV Water Use Classification of Landscape Species

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Plant Search Instructions

Plant Search Database

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Water Requirements for Turfgrasses

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GETTING STARTED

If you are using the WUCOLS list for the first time, it is essential that you read The manual contains very important information regarding the evaluation process water needs, plant types, and climatic regions. It is necessary to know this infor WUCOLS evaluations and the plant search tool appropriately. To access the *User* the tab (on left) and view specific topics.

Water conservation is an essential consideration in the design and management of California landscapes. Effective strategies that increase water use efficiency must be identified and implemented. One key strategy to increase efficiency is matching water supply to plant needs. By supplying only the amount of water needed to maintain landscape health and appearance, unnecessary applications that exceed plant needs





WUCOLS categorizes over 3,700 landscape plants as to their plant water use.

Categories of Water Needs							
Abbreviation	Percentage of ETo						
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М	40-60						
L	10-30						
VL	< 10						
	Abbreviation H M L						

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A daily requirement is 0.192" (5.96"/31)

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A daily requirement is 0.024" (0.745/31)

The state is broken down into six geographical regions that define use

Regions

Since substantially different climate zones exist in California, species were evaluated for regions that represent six different climatic conditions. These are not the only climate zones that exist in California, but they include much of the state where irrigated landscapes occur. For locations outside of the six regions, it is best to use species evaluations from a region that is most similar climatically to the location of interest.

Numbe	r WUCOLS Region	Sunset climate zones*	CIMIS ET ₀ zones**	Representative Cities
1	North-Central Coastal	14, 15, 16, 17	1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 8	Healdsburg, Napa, San Jose, Salinas, San Francisco, San Luis Obispo
2	Central Valley	8,9,14	12, 14, 15, 16	Auburn, Bakersfield, Chico, Fresno, Modesto, Sacramento
3	South Coastal	22, 23, 24	1, 2, 4, 6	Irvine, Los Angeles, Santa Barbara, Ventu Vista
4	South Inland	18, 19, 20, 21	9	Corona, Escondido, Pasadena, Riverside, San Bernardino, Santa Paula
5	High and Intermediate Desert	11	14, 17	Apple Valley, Barstow, Bishop, Lancaster, Lone Pine, Tehachapi
6	Low Desert	13	18	Borrego Springs, Blythe, Death Valley, El Centro, Needles, Palm Springs

We can research plant material on-line or export a database

WUCOLS IV Water Use Classification of Landscape Speci

Plant Search Database

Plant List for all Regions

3769 results North Central South In Valley Botanical Name Common Name Coastal Central Valley South Coastal Type Water Use Rhododendron spp. S N azalea Moderate/Medium Moderate/Medium High High (CA native and nonnative spp.) Rhododendron spp. rhododendron Moderate/Medium Moderate/Medium SN High High (CA native and nonnative spp.)
Two Resources on-line – Links are in your handout

- CIMIS local weather station or spatial CIMIS provides information based on ET_0 as to how many inches of water plants generally need
- WUCOLS indicates % of ET_{O} that should be replaced on a regional basis

How much water do sprinklers apply? Why is this important?

An Award Wining Landscape in Northern CA (They did not wand drip so they used PC bubblers)



2 foot diameter shrub 3.14 sq ft of canopy

There were two of these on a 2 foot shrub – ½ gpm which is 30 gallons per hour



Use the Ewing "APP" to calculate application rate

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Gallon	s per Hour	3	80
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Solution:	15.325 in.	per hour	Calculate

Use solution to calculate run time



Runoff because the clay soils with an intake rate of 0.10" per hour are overwhelmed with an application rate of 15 inches /hr.



Determining application rate of any drip irrigation zone (data to collect)

- Area that is served by the drip zone in square feet
- Circuit flow in cubic feet, or gallons per hour

Steps in calculating canopy area

- Activate the zone and operate until wet margins of the zone appear
- Measure the canopy area using the 16 point Ewing method

Sixteen Point Method – Determining the Average Perimeter (Radius) measure from the center to the canopy edge 16 times at 22.5 degree increments





Add the measurements together



Access the tables to determine area in square feet!

Area (square feet)	Sum of 16 perimeter measurements	Area (square feet)	Sum of 16 perimeter measurements	Area (square feet)
295	155			
314	160	1,142	305	2,48
334	165	1,179	310	2,54
355	170	1,218	315	2,59
376	175	1,257	320	2,65
398	180	1,296	325	2,71













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420	185	1,336	5 330
443	190	1,377	7 335
467	195	1,419	9 340
491	200	1,46	1 345
516	205	1,503	3 350
541	210	1,547	7 355
567	215	1,590	360
594	220	1,63	5 365
621	225	1,680	370
649	230	1,726	5 375
678	235	1,772	2 380
707	240	1,819	385
737	245	1,867	7 390
767	250	1,91	5 555
798	255	1,964	4 400



Measure the flow to the zone in cubic feet in 1 minute



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Commercial meters $-1\frac{1}{2}$ " and larger – each revolution 10 cubic feet or 74.8 gallons – each 1/10th Is 7.48 gal Residential meters – 1" and smaller – each revolution 1 cubic foot or 7.48 gallons – each 1/10th Is 0.748 gal Let's calculate a drip zone application rate given the following area and flow

- Flow on the residential meter 2/10ths of a revolution in 1 minute
- Area is 612 square feet

Just remember - 721



Application Rate Formula and Calculation



Check it out with the "APP"

- 0.2 cubic feet per minute must be converted to GPH (gallons per hour) (0.2 x 7.48 = 1.496 gpm) x 60 = 90 gph
- Area is 612 sq. ft



What about application rates for linear drip

• Since it is a grid, you'll need to know the flow and the spacing!

	Clay	Loam	Sand
Nominal Emitter Flow Rate	0.4 gph	0.6 gph	1.0 gph
EZ-ID Color Code	Orange	Blue	White
Emitter Spacing	18*	12"	12"
Dripline Row Spacing	18*	18"	12"
Application Rate (Inches/Hour)	0.29	0.64	1.60
Time to Apply 1/4" of Water	53 mins.	23 mins.	10 mins.

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EMITTER SPACING		18″			12"			12″			12"			18″			18″			12"			12"	
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APPLICATION RATE (INCHES/HOUR)	0.19	0.17	0.15	0.64	0.55	0.43	0.98	0.84	0.65	1.48	1.27	1.11	0.19	0.16	0.14	0.30	0.26	0.23	0.73	0.65	0.59	1.11	0.99	0.89
TIME TO APPLY ¼" OF WATER (MINUTES)	80	89	97	23	27	35	15	18	23	10	12	13	80	93	106	50	58	66	20	23	26	13	15	17
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Note: 0.4, 0.6 and 0.9 GPH are nominal flow rates. Actual flow rates used in the calculations are 0.42, 0.61 and 0.92 GPH.

You can measure the emitter spacing at 12 or 24" in the tube and measure the parallel row spacing But what is the emitter flow in GPH?





EMITTER FLOW (TIM	VIE TO FIL	L 2" CAP)
EMITTER TYPE	GPH	FILL TIME
POINT SOURCE	2.00	56 SECONDS
POINT SOURCE	1.00	1 MIN 52 SECONDS
LINE SOURCE	0.92	2 MIN 2 SECONDS
LINE SOURCE	0.61	3 MIN 4 SECONDS
POINT SOURCE	0.50	3 MIN 45 SECONDS
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So let's calculate with the "APP" a 12" x 12" spacing with a 1.0 gph emitter!

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		EZ-ID Color Code	Orange	Blue	White
Area in Square Feet:		Emitter Spacing	18*	12"	12"
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So calculating "APP" rates for linear drip can be easier as tables are available

Let' complete our final objective

The criteria for scheduling

- Given a calculated application rate of 0.25" per hour
- A low water use hydrozone in Concord in July
- Watering every 4 days

WUCOLS IV - Low Water Use

Drip / Point Source - random

Ornamental Shrubs with a species factor K

	DU _{LQ} PR Rate RTM	0.9 0.25 1.06	inches / hr.	20% of ETo
		Concord	Concord	Concord
		ETo	ETo	Orn. Shrub
		Avg	Avg.	Req't
		Monthly	daily	daily
31	Mar	3.41	0.1100	0.0220
30	Apr	4.71	0.1570	0.0314
31	May	6.34	0.2045	0.0409
30	Jun	7.2	0.2400	0.0400
31	Jul	7.45	0.2403	0.0481
24		6.66		

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4 days x 0.2408 = 0.9632 ET_0

 $0.963 \text{ ET}_{0} \times 0.20 = 0.193'' \text{ plant}$ water requirement after 4 days

Run Time Calculation – Point Source


What about runoff????

		Application Rate - in/hr		Rate - in/hr		Rate - in/hr	
0.10	60	0.60	10	1.05	6	1.50	4
0.15	40	0.65	9	1.10	5	1.55	4
0.20	30	0.70	9	1.15	5	1.60	4
0.25	24	0.75	8	1.20	5	1.65	4
0.30	20	0.80	8	1.25	5	1.70	4
0.35	17	0.85	7	1.30	5	1.75	3
0.40	15	0.90	7	1.35	4	1.80	3
0.45	13	0.95	6	1.40	4	1.85	3
0.50	12	1.00	6	1.45	4	1.90	3

Minutes of run time before run off occurs at varying application rates on flat clay

All bets are off if installation is poor or pressure is low

- 10 psi minimum for point source systems
- 15 psi for line source or emitters will not open
- Arrange point source emitters so all plant material on the hydrozone has the same application rate (see attached sheet)
- Do not use 0.9 gph or 1 gph linear tubing
- Keep line source tubing parallel

The Pressure Test



Plant material must be organized in valve groupings by water requirement – This is known as a "Hydrozone"

Since all plant material on a zone has the same water requirement, it must have the same application rate



canopy diameter in feet	canopy area - square feet	canopy diameter in feet	canopy area - square feet	canopy diameter in feet	canopy area - square feet
1	1	11	95	21	346
2	3	12	113	22	380
3	7	13	133	23	415
4	13	14	154	24	452
5	20	15	177	25	4 91
6	28	16	201	26	531
7	38	17	227	27	572
8	50	18	254	28	615
9	64	19	283	29	660
10	79	20	314	30	707

Canopy area in square feet at various diameters



Ten – 2 gallon per hour emitters – good placement (calculate application rate)









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Converting existing spray zones to drip



Spray to Drip adapter feature a filter and 30 psi pressure regulator





This product allows retrofit into an existing spray body











Flow Requirements Minimum flow is ½ gpm or 30 gph Maximum flow around 6 gpm or 360 gph

Caps are provided to cap existing spray bodies

























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Exercises – "A" Group – Micro Spray Audit



Exercises – B Group – Area Measurement and Application Calculation

Determining Application Rates with cap									
	A	в	c	D	E				
Time to fill				_	_				
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Canopy Diameter	2 ft	5 ft	12" x 12" sp	12" x 24" sp	10 ft				
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