



Water Use and Efficiency  
Branch

# The Model Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance

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# One Year Later

- Where are we now?
  - Adoptions
  - Report to legislature
- Local concerns and questions





# Adoptions by City (279)

- 46 Cities formally adopted Model Ordinance
- 158 Cities Adopted a local ordinance
- 75 using the MO in the interim while writing a local ordinance
- 481 cities in CA==about 200 have not responded yet





# Adoptions by County (32)

- 10 Counties adopted the Model Ordinance
- 12 Counties adopted a local ordinance
- 10 using the MO in the interim
- 58 counties==26 have not responded yet



# Adoption by Water Purveyors

- 6 + water purveyors have adopted a new landscape ordinance
- Not required by statute



# DWR Report to Legislature

- Due by 1/31/2011
- Summarizes the status of adoption by local agencies





# Cal Green-January 2011

- **Non-Residential**

- **Mandatory**

- MO as baseline (water budget and provisions)
- Dedicated sub-metering at 1000 sq.ft

- **Voluntary measures**

- Tier 1 Water Budget at 60% of local ETo
- Tier 2 Water Budget at 55% of local ETo
- Potable water reduction by 50%



# Cal Green-2011

- **Residential**

- **Mandatory**

- Irrigation controllers that use weather based or soil moisture based sensing technology
    - Rain shutoff sensors

- **Voluntary**

- Tier 1 Water Budget at 65% of local ETo
    - Tier 2 Water Budget at 60% of local ETo





# Local Concerns and Questions

- Applicability
- WUCOLS
- Terminology
- Intent
- Water budget calculations
- Irrigation Efficiencies
- Equipment standards (CEC)





# Response to Local Concerns

- OAL-non-substantial changes
  - clarity
- Guidebook
- Workshops and presentations



# Next Steps

- Collaborative process for Guidebook or other outreach
  - DWR welcomes input
  - Identify problems
  - Create solutions
  - Ease implementation







# Contact Information

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