



<b>Model Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance</b>
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**Background**

The Model Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance (Ordinance), enacted in 1993, established standards and water budgets for new and rehabilitated landscapes over specified size thresholds. The Department of Water Resources (DWR) revised the Ordinance in 2010 and 2015. The 2015 revisions required land use agencies to report annually to DWR on Ordinance implementation.

In 2016, Assembly Bill 2515 (Government Code Section 65596.5) directed DWR to revise the Ordinance by January 1, 2020 and every three years thereafter or release findings that a revision would not be useful or effective in increasing the efficiency of landscape water use or the administration of the Ordinance.

DWR's Water Use and Efficiency (WUE) Branch will present findings to the California Water Commission that revisions to the Model Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance would not be useful or effective at this time.

This is an informational item.

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