



# Looking for a Certified Irrigation Auditor?

Since 2010, an **irrigation audit has been required for landscape projects** that are subject to the [Model Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance](#) (MWELO) or a local water efficient landscape ordinance.

## What is an irrigation audit?

An irrigation audit is an unbiased verification that installation was done according to the approved plans and MWELO requirements.

## What does it include?

- › Review of irrigation scheduling program and/or programming parameters.
- › Confirmation of flow sensors, master valves, and pressure regulators installation.
- › Inspection of irrigation equipment for:
  - correct spacing
  - leaks
  - low head drainage
  - overspray
  - runoff

## Who conducts an irrigation audit?

An irrigation audit is performed by a certified irrigation auditor and cannot be the project designer or installer.

The certified irrigation auditor can be an employee of the local agency, hired by the local agency, or hired by the applicant. Because many local agencies have staffing and resource constraints, an irrigation audit by a certified irrigation auditor can fulfill the inspection requirement.

## What is a Certified Irrigation Auditor?

A certified irrigation auditor is accredited by one of the following [USEPA WaterSense](#)-labeled certification programs: QWEL, CLCA-WMCP, IA-CLIA, or G3WWLP. All certified auditing programs use a consistent protocol for irrigation auditing.

## How do I hire a certified irrigation auditor?

All certifying organizations maintain referral lists of their certified auditors.

### [QWEL](#)

### [Qualified Water Efficient Landscaper](#)

Select "Find a QWEL Pro."

### [CLCA-WMCP](#)

### [California Landscape Contractors Association](#)

Select "Irrigation Audits."

### [IA-CLIA](#)

### [Irrigation Association Certified Landscape Irrigation Audit](#)

Select "YES" for "Certified Landscape Irrigation Auditor" and "Available for Hire."

### [G3WWLP](#)

### [Watershed Wise Landscape Professional](#)

Select a certified professional.

## What happens after the audit is complete?

The irrigation audit report will note required corrections. Once the corrections are made and documented, include the audit report (Section 492.14) with the Certificate of Completion (Section 492.9 and Appendix C).



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