



**Action Item: Consideration of Model Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance Regulations**

**Background**

In 2009, the Department of Water Resources (DWR) adopted the Model Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance in order to ensure efficiency in urban landscapes. Cities and counties are required to adopt landscape water ordinances and the Model Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance was prepared for use by local agencies. The local agencies may adopt the Model Ordinance or may develop an ordinance to fit local conditions. If a local agency chooses to adopt a different ordinance, it must be at least as effective in conserving water as the Model Ordinance.

Executive Order B-29-15 required DWR to update the Model Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance through expedited regulation. DWR developed the regulation, conducted public outreach, and conducted a 15-day public comment period. At this meeting, DWR staff will present the updated draft Model Water Efficient Landscape ordinance for consideration and possible adoption by the Commission.

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