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Water Conservation in Landscaping Prescriptive Option Short Form

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Applicant Information:

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Project Information

Site Address / APN: _____

Project Type (*residential, commercial, industrial*): _____

This project incorporates new landscaping areas between 500 – 2,499 square feet (sq. ft.) and is using this form to identify prescriptive requirements which will be included as part of the landscape project.

This project incorporates rehabilitated landscape areas between 1,000 - 2,499 sq. ft. requiring a building or landscape permit, plan check, or design review. It is using this form to identify prescriptive requirements which will be included as part of the landscape project.

Please see the Prescriptive Compliance Option Checklist on the next page for required landscape design measures. If landscape area is ≥2500 square feet, you must submit the full landscape documentation package

Total Landscape Area (sq. ft.): _____

Turf Area (sq. ft.): _____

Non-Turf Plan Area (sq. ft.): _____ Special Landscape Area (sq. ft.): _____

Water Type (*potable, recycled, well*): _____

Name of water purveyor (*If not served by private well*): _____

WELO Prescriptive Compliance Certification

I certify the above information is correct and agree to comply with the prescriptive compliance requirements of the WELO.

Signature of property owner / authorized representative

Date

WELO Prescriptive Option: Required Landscape Design Measures

Landscape Parameter	Design Measures	Shown on Plans / Page#
Compost	Incorporate compost at a rate of at least four (4) cubic yards per 1,000 sq. ft. to a depth of 6 inches (unless contra-indicated by a soil test).	
Plant Water Use	At least 80% of the plants in non-turf landscape areas shall be native plants, low-water using plants, or no-water using plants.	
Mulch	A minimum 3-inch layer of mulch should be applied on all exposed soil surfaces of planting areas, except in areas of turf or creeping or rooting groundcovers.	
Turf	Total turf area shall not exceed 25% of the landscape area. Turf is not allowed in non-residential projects.	
	Turf (if utilized) is limited to slopes not exceeding 25% and is not used in parkways less than 10 feet in width.	
	Turf, if utilized in parkways, is irrigated by sub-surface irrigation or other technology that prevents overspray or runoff.	
Irrigation System	Irrigation controllers use evapotranspiration or soil moisture data and utilize a rain sensor.	
	Irrigation controller programming data will not be lost due to an interruption in the primary power source.	
	Areas less than 10 feet in any direction utilize sub-surface irrigation or other technology that prevents overspray or runoff.	
	A private landscape submeter is installed at non-residential landscape areas of 1,000 sq. ft. or more.	