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Water Conservation in Landscaping Screening Form

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The City of San Mateo has adopted a [Water Conservation in Landscaping Ordinance](#) (SMMC 23.72) to ensure that all qualified development projects comply with the State of California's [Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance](#) (WELO). This ordinance was created to reduce water usage and ensure landscapes are constructed to allow for the efficient use of water.

This form will help you determine whether your project qualifies for the ordinance and connect you with the necessary forms to complete your application. **Table 1 outlines the requirements for new construction¹** while **Table 2 highlights the specifics for rehabilitated landscape² projects.**

Table 1: New Construction Projects

| Landscape Area ³ | Guidance | Select |
|-----------------------------|---|--------------------------|
| <500 square feet | The ordinance does not apply to your project. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 500<2500 square feet | Submit the Prescriptive Measures Form. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| ≥2500 square feet | Applicant must submit Full Landscape Project Documentation Package. | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Table 2: Rehabilitated Landscape Projects

| Landscape Area | Guidance | Select |
|-----------------------|---|--------------------------|
| <1000 square feet | The ordinance does not apply to your project. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 1000<2500 square feet | Submit the Prescriptive Measures Form | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| ≥2500 square feet | Applicant must submit Full Landscape Project Documentation Package. | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Project Information

Project Address: _____

Permit #: _____ Landscape Area (sq. ft.): _____

Name: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

¹ New construction – includes a new building with landscape, or other new landscape such as a park, playground, or greenbelt without an associated building.

² Rehabilitated landscape - any re-landscaping project that requires a permit, plan check, or design review; meets the requirements of 23.72; and has a modified landscape area equal to or greater than 2,500 square feet.

³ Landscape area - all the planting areas, turf areas, and water features in a landscape design plan subject to the maximum applied water allowance calculation. The landscape area does not include footprints of buildings or structures, sidewalks, driveways, parking lots, decks, patios, gravel or stone walks, other pervious or non-pervious hardscapes, other non-irrigated areas designated for non-development (e.g., open spaces and existing native vegetation).