

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113
Sacramento, CA 95812-3044

County Clerk
County of: _____

From: (Public Agency): California Natural Resources Agency

Department of Water Resources

715 P Street, Sacramento, CA 95814

(Address)

Project Title: Amendment of Model Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance (MWELO)

Project Applicant: N/A

Project Location - Specific:

Entire State

Project Location - City: N/A

Project Location - County: N/A

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The Department of Water Resources completed a regular rulemaking process for the Model Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance that occurs every three years pursuant to California Government Code section 65596.5. In this update, the Department is simplifying MWELO to improve clarity and understanding but no material changes that would result in significant impacts to the environment have been made. On November 18, 2024, the MWELO rulemaking record was re-filed with the Office of Administrative Law (OAL File No. 2024-1118-01) with changes made by DWR, as noticed in the August 23, 2024 second 15-day public comment period.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: California Department of Water Resources (DWR)

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Implemented by cities and counties

Exempt Status: **(check one):**

- Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
- Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
- Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
- Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: _____
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: 15061(b)(3)

Reasons why project is exempt:

Common Sense Exemption (CEQA Guidelines Sec. 15061(b)(3)). The MWELO update is for administrative and clarity purposes. There are no new requirements and no changes to existing requirements. The update includes regulations from other existing code that have been adopted since the last MWELO update in 2015.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Ryan Bailey

Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 916-873-4669

If filed by applicant:

1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.
2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? Yes No

Signature: Ryan Bailey

Date: 12/11/2024

Title: Water Use Efficiency Branch Manager

▪ Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____