



CITY OF FOLSOM
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City of Folsom (as mandated by the State of California) effective 12/01/2015

Determination of Applicability to **Model Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance, AB1881**

Project Title _____ Project Address _____
Form Completed by _____ Company _____
Contact Information (email) _____ (phone) _____

Answer these 3 questions first before proceeding:

- A) Is this a new or rehabilitated landscape less than 500 sq ft (including water surface area of pools and water features)? Yes No
- B) Is this a new or rehabilitated landscape between 500 and 2500 sq ft (including water surface area of pools and water features)? Yes No Maybe
- C) Is this a new or rehabilitated landscape greater than 2500 sq ft (including water surface area of pools and water features)? Yes No Maybe
- If you checked "Yes" to A, you do not need to comply with the Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance.
- If you checked "Yes" to B, you must comply with at least the Prescriptive Measures in Appendix D of the Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance and continue to fill out this form.
- If you checked "YES" to C, you must comply with the full measures of the Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance and continue to fill out this form.

- 1) Size of property _____ sq ft
- 2) Area of footprint of main structure _____ sq ft
- 3) Area of footprint of other detached structures (garage, garden bldg, 2nd living unit, etc.) _____ sq ft
- 4) Area of impervious cover (to include all: deck, patio, concrete pool deck, sidewalks, driveways, etc.) _____ sq ft
- 5) Area of special pervious cover (to include all: porous concrete & asphalt, pavers, gravel/ D.G.) _____ sq ft
- 6) Other landscape area (non-irrigated oak woodlands) _____ sq ft

7) Total of covered and non-landscape area _____ Total 2, 3, 4, 5, & 6 = _____ sq ft

- 8) Special Landscape Area (SLA), solely dedicated to:
 - A) Edible Plants _____ sq ft
 - B) Area irrigated w/ recycled water _____ sq ft
 - C) Water feature w/ recycled water _____ sq ft
 - D) Turf in parks, sports fields, golf courses _____ sq ft

9) Total of Special Landscape Area (SLA) _____ Total of 8) A, B, & C = _____ sq ft

- 10) Irrigated turf _____ sq ft
- 11) Mulched tree &/or shrub area (irrigated) _____ sq ft
- 12) Perennials &/or ground cover (irrigated) _____ sq ft
- 13) Annuals (irrigated) _____ sq ft
- 14) Other landscape-able areas (to include future areas to be planted & irrigated) _____ sq ft

15) Total of Landscape Area (LA) _____ Total of 10, 11, 12, 13, & 14 = _____ sq ft

16) Special Landscape Area (SLA) + Area of Landscape Area (LA) _____ Total 9 + 15 = _____ sq ft

17) Size of property _____ sq ft (line item 1 from above)
- < _____ > less total sq ft of non-landscape areas (line item 7 from above)

18) = _____ sq ft, same as (16), Total of all LA & SLA

If this project is subject to the Model Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance; the project must conform with all aspects before receiving receipt of full Certificate of Occupancy
..... for OFFICIAL USE ONLY by the City of Folsom.....

This project is Exempt or Shall adhere to all conditions of AB1881 and supply all information as required

Approved by: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____
Print Name

Definition Information

From §490 & 490.1 of the Model Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance

§ 490.1. Applicability.

- (a) After December 1, 2015, and consistent with Executive Order No. B-29-15, this ordinance shall apply to all of the following landscape projects:
- (1) new construction projects requiring a building or landscape permit, plan check or design review;
 - (2) rehabilitated landscape projects requiring a building or landscape permit, plan check, or design review;
 - (3) existing landscapes limited to Sections 493, 493.1 and 493.2; (one acre or more)
 - (4) cemeteries. Recognizing the special landscape management needs of cemeteries, new and rehabilitated cemeteries are limited to Sections 492.4, 492.11, and 492. 12; and existing cemeteries are limited to Sections 493, 493.1, and 493.2.
- (c) Any project with an aggregate landscape area of 2,500 square feet or less may comply with the performance requirements of this ordinance or conform to the prescriptive measures contained in Appendix D.
- (d) For projects using treated or untreated graywater or rainwater captured on site, any lot or parcel within the project that has less than 2500 sq. ft. of landscape and meets the lot or parcel's landscape water requirement (Estimated Total Water Use) entirely with treated or untreated graywater or through stored rainwater captured on site is subject only to Appendix D section (5).
- (e) This ordinance does not apply to:
- (1) registered local, state or federal historical sites;
 - (2) ecological restoration projects that do not require a permanent irrigation system;
 - (3) mined-land reclamation projects that do not require a permanent irrigation system; or
 - (4) existing plant collections, as part of botanical gardens and arboretums open to the public.

Selected definitions from § 491.

- (dd) "landscape area" means all the planting areas, turf areas, and water features in a landscape design plan subject to the Maximum Applied Water Allowance calculations. The landscape area does not include footprints of the buildings or structures, sidewalks, driveways, parking lots, decks, patios, gravel or stone walks, other pervious or non-pervious hardscapes, and other non-irrigated areas designated for non-development (e.g., open spaces and existing native [oak woodlands in Folsom] vegetation).
- (qq) "new construction" means, for the purpose of this ordinance, a new building with a landscape or other new landscape, such as a park, playground, or greenbelt without an associated building.
- (eee) "rehabilitated landscape" means any re-landscaping project that requires a permit, plan check, or design review, meets the requirements of § 490.1, and the modified landscape area is equal to or greater than 2,500 sq ft, is 50% of the total landscape area, and the modifications are completed within one year.
- (iii) "Special Landscape Area" (SLA) means an area of the landscape dedicated solely to edible plants, areas irrigated with recycled water, water features using recycled water and areas dedicated to active play such as parks, sports fields, golf courses, and where turf provides a playing surface.
- (qqq) "Water feature" means a design element where open water performs an aesthetical or recreational function. Water features include ponds, lakes, waterfalls, fountains, artificial streams, spas, swimming pools (where water is artificially supplied). The surface area of the water features is included in the high water use hydrozone of the landscape area. Construction wetlands used for onsite wastewater treatment or storm water best management practices that are not irrigated and used solely for water treatment or storm water retention are not water features and, therefore, are not subject to the water budget calculations.

§ 492.6(2)(C) Surface area of a water feature shall be included in the high use hydrozone area of the water budget

§ 496.6(3)(D) Soil amendments shall be incorporated according to recommendations of the soil report and what is appropriate for the plant material.

NOTE: California Green Building Standards Code (Cal Green) takes effect January 1, 2011, with other California State mandated water regulations and may effect design and infrastructure requirements. Please refer to the latest codes.

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