

Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance 2015 Revisions

City Council
December 1, 2015

Background

- ▣ Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance first required in 1992 – Tustin adopted Ord. 1099.
- ▣ In 2006, AB 1881 required updates to the Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance – Tustin adopted Ord. 1376.
- ▣ Ordinance 1376 was based on a County model ordinance.
- ▣ Governor Brown's April 1, 2015, Executive Order requires further updates.

Proposed Changes

- ▣ Based on ACCOC's model ordinance.
- ▣ Thresholds lowered from 2,500 to 500 sq. ft.
- ▣ Prescriptive compliance approach for landscapes between 500 and 2500 square feet.
- ▣ No new turf in street medians.
- ▣ Expanded definitions.
- ▣ Simplified landscape worksheet.
- ▣ Increased water savings for new construction.
- ▣ Annual reporting to the DWR.

Recommendation

- ▣ That the Council introduce and have first reading of Ordinance No. 1465 to provide new standards for water efficient landscapes, and set a second reading for the next City Council meeting; and
- ▣ That the Council adopt Resolution No. 15-86, approving the 2015 Guidelines for Implementation of the City of Tustin Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance .

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