



City of Sonoma
No. 1 The Plaza, Sonoma, CA 95476
Planning Department, (707) 938-3681

MODEL WATER-EFFICIENT LANDSCAPE ORDINANCE (MWEL0)

City Staff Checklist

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The Model Water-Efficient Landscape (Title 23, Division 2, Chapter 2.7 (Model Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance) of the CA Code of Regulations) and the City of Sonoma Water-Efficient Landscape Ordinance (Chapter 14.32) can be found in the following website link:

<http://www.SonomaCity.org/>.

This checklist will assist the City Reviewer in reviewing the Landscape Documentation Package.

Step 1 – Review Applicability of WELO

- Is this a New Landscape Project as defined in Section 490.1 of the MWEL0? (A New Landscape Project means a new building or new development with associated landscaping and subject to Planning Department review and/or subject to a City permit, with a landscape area equal to or greater than 500 square feet.)
- Is this a Rehabilitated Landscape Project as defined in Section 490.1 of the MWEL0? (A Rehabilitated Landscape Project means a project with associated re-landscaping or replacement landscaping greater than or equal to 2,500 SF and subject to Planning Department review and/or subject to a City permit.)
- Is either of the above-two boxes checked? If yes, proceed to Step 2. If no, DOES NOT APPLY.

Step 2 – Exceptions for Applicability of WELO (Section 490.1 of the MWEL0)

- Is the building or property being developed or redeveloped a registered historical site?
- Is the building or property being developed or redeveloped ecological restoration project that does not require a permanent irrigation system site?
- Is the building or property being developed or redeveloped a part of a botanical garden or arboretum open to the general public site?
- Is the building or property being developed or redeveloped a cemetery site?
- Are any of the above-boxes checked? If yes, end of review process. MWEL0 does not apply. If no, proceed to Step 3.

Step 3 – Landscape Documentation Package Completeness Review

- Is the Water Efficient Landscape Worksheet form included as defined in Section 492.4 of the MWEL0?
- Is the Soil Management Report included (if mass grading is not planned) as defined in Section 492.5 of the MWEL0?
- Is a landscape design plan included (prepared by a licensed landscape architect, licensed landscape contractor, or any other person authorized to design a landscape) and signed as defined in Section 492.6 of the MWEL0?
- Are all of the above-boxes checked? If yes, then proceed to Step 4. If no, contact applicant to resubmit deficient items.



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Step 4 – Landscape Documentation Package Completeness Review

- Is the project a new or rehabilitated landscape project for a single family home that is not part of a planned development, and *not* located in the Historic Overlay Zone?
- Is the project a rehabilitated landscape project for an existing multi-family development with a landscaped area less than or equal to 2,500 SF?

- Is either of the above-boxes checked? If yes, then City staff will make final determination of MWELO compliance. If no, then the DRHPC will make final determination of MWELO compliance (see City of Sonoma Municipal code Section 14.32.060.A.1).

Step 5 – MWELO Determination by City Staff

- Was the Water Efficient Landscape Worksheet form checked for technical correctness?
- Is the Soil Management Report consistent with the Water Efficient Landscape Worksheet form submitted?
- Are the Landscape design plans consistent with the Water Efficient Landscape Worksheet form submitted?
- Is the average ETAF for Regular Landscape Areas 0.55 or below for residential areas, and 0.45 or below for non-residential areas and the ETWU less than or equal to Maximum Allowed Water Allowance? If yes, then project is deemed by staff to be in compliance with MWELO. If no, notify applicant to resubmit Landscape Documentation to meet MWELO requirements.

Step 6 – MWELO Determination by DRHPC (if required)

- Has the DRHPC meeting for the project been scheduled?
- Has the applicant been notified of the DRHPC meeting date?

Signature _____ Date

Printed Name: _____

Company Name (if applicable): _____