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DATE: November 4, 2015
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PROJECT NUMBER: LRP2015-00003 APPLICANT: County of San Luis Obispo

BACKGROUND:

In response to Governor Brown's Drought Executive Order EO B-29-15, the California Department of Water Resources updated the State's Model Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance (MWELo) through expedited regulation. Local agencies must adopt either the MWELo or their own equally effective ordinance by December 1, 2015. On November 10, 2015, the County Board of Supervisors will consider introduction of an amendment to 19 of the County Code (The Building and Construction Ordinance) that would adopt the MWELo by reference. The hearing will be scheduled for November 24, 2015.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

Adopting the MWELo will alter the County's existing landscape requirements for new development.

- All new development projects with 500 sq. ft. or more landscape area are subject to the MWELo requirements.
- The County must submit a Water Efficient Landscape Worksheet to the local water purveyor with water budget calculations.
- Landscapes under 2,500 sq. ft. can choose a prescriptive compliance option.
- Dedicated landscape water meters or submeters are required for residential landscapes over 5000 sq. ft. and non-residential landscapes over 1000 sq. ft.

MORE INFORMATION / COMMENTS

The staff report for the November 3, 2015 meeting will be available online at: <http://www.slocounty.ca.gov/bos/BOSagenda.htm>. Information from the Department of Water Resources is available at <http://www.water.ca.gov/wateruseefficiency/landscapeordinance/>.

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