

ORDINANCE NO. 2022-09

WATER EFFICIENT LANDSCAPES

The Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors ordains as follows (omitting the parenthetical footnotes from the official text of the enacted or amended provisions of the County Ordinance Code):

SECTION I. SUMMARY. This ordinance repeals existing Chapter 82-26 of the County Ordinance Code, Water Conservation Landscaping in New Developments, and replaces it with a new Chapter 82-26, Water Efficient Landscapes, in order to comply with Article 10.8 of Chapter 3 of Division 1 of Title 7 of the California Government Code, which governs water conservation in landscaping and requires counties and cities to adopt a water efficient landscape ordinance.

SECTION II. Chapter 82-26 of the County Ordinance Code is repealed in its entirety and is replaced by a new Chapter 82-26, added by Section III of this ordinance.

SECTION III. Chapter 82-26 is added to the County Ordinance Code, to read:

**Chapter 82-26
Water Efficient Landscapes**

82-26.002 California Model Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance Adopted.

- (a) The water efficient landscape ordinance of Contra Costa County is the Model Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance adopted by the California Department of Water Resources and as set forth in Chapter 2.7 of Division 2, Title 23, of the California Code of Regulations, Sections 490 through 495 and Appendices A through D (the “MWELO”), as may be amended from time to time and as amended by the changes, additions, and deletions set forth in Section 82-26.004.
- (b) At least one copy of the MWELO is on file with the Community Development Division of the Department of Conservation and Development. (Ords. 2022-09 § 3, 90-59.)

82-26.004 Amendments to the MWELO. The MWELO is amended by the changes, additions, and deletions set forth in this section. Section numbers used below are those of the MWELO.

- (a) Section 492.3, Penalties, is amended to read:

492.3. Penalties. This chapter may be enforced by any remedy allowed under this code, including Chapter 14-12, and by any other remedy allowed by law. (Ords. 2022-09 § 3, 90-59.)

SECTION IV. EFFECTIVE DATE. This ordinance becomes effective 30 days after passage, and within 15 days after passage shall be published once with the names of supervisors voting for or against it in the East Bay Times, a newspaper published in this County.

PASSED on _____, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

ATTEST: MONICA NINO,
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
and County Administrator

Board Chair

By:

Deputy

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