



Land Use Services Department
Planning Division

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Land Use Services Department
Title 6 Amendment
Model Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance (MWELO)

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Amendment to Title 6 of the County Code to adopt by reference the Model Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance (MWELO).



The MWELO is a model ordinance incorporated in the CA Green Building Code. Its purpose is to:

- Promote the values and benefits of efficient water use;
- Prevent water waste in landscapes.

All cities and counties are required to adopt, implement, and enforce MWELO or a more stringent locally adopted ordinance. The proposed ordinance adopts MWELO.

- Beginning January 1, 2020, and every 3 years thereafter, the California Department of Water Resources will consider MWELO updates through the CA Green Building Code.
- The County updates Title 6 of the County Code every three years to incorporate updates to California Codes, including the Green Building Code.
- Adopting the MWELO by reference in Title 6 ensures implementation of any DWR updates to the MWELO.
- This ordinance was introduced on March 24, 2020, continued for final adoptions.

- Conduct a public hearing to consider final adoption of the updated Model Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance (MWELO).
- Adopt proposed ordinance to add Chapter 22 to Division 3 of Title 6 of the San Bernardino County Code, adopting by reference the updated MWELO as contained in Title 23 of the California Code of Regulations.