



# San Bernardino County

## Legislation Text

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**File #: 1927, Agenda Item #: 64**

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**REPORT/RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
OF THE COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO  
AND RECORD OF ACTION**

**April 7, 2020**

**FROM**

**TERRI RAHHAL, Director, Land Use Services Department**

**SUBJECT**

Amendment to the County Code to adopt by reference the Model Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance

**RECOMMENDATION(S)**

1. Conduct a public hearing on proposed ordinance to adopt by reference the updated Model Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance.
2. Adopt proposed ordinance to add Chapter 22 to Division 3 of Title 6 of the San Bernardino County Code, adopting by reference the updated Model Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance contained in Title 23 of the California Code of Regulations, which was introduced on March 24, 2020, Item No. 77.  
(Presenter: Terri Rahhal, Director, 387-4431)

**COUNTY AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER GOALS & OBJECTIVES**

**Ensure Development of a Well-Planned, Balanced, and Sustainable County.**

**FINANCIAL IMPACT**

Consideration of this item will not result in the use of Discretionary General Funding (Net County Cost). Sufficient appropriation and revenue to complete this action have been included in the Land Use Services' Planning 2019-20 budget. Implementation will be executed jointly by the Planning Division and Building & Safety Division, each of which have adequate budget and staffing resources.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

The ordinance relating to the adoption by reference of the updated Model Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance (MWELo) was introduced on March 24, 2020, Item No. 77. The recommendation before the Board of Supervisors today would adopt the ordinance by reference. Approval of this item will ensure continued compliance with state law, which requires that all local agencies must adopt, implement, and enforce the MWELo contained in Sections 490-495, Chapter 2.7, Division 2, Title 23 of the California Code of Regulations or a more stringent ordinance. The County adopted and implements the MWELo through ensuring compliance with the California Green Building Code and landscaping standards contained within Title 8 of the San Bernardino County Code. However, beginning January 1, 2020, and at least every three years thereafter, the California Department of Water Resources will consider updating the MWELo. The purpose of the proposed ordinance is to incorporate the MWELo by reference into Title 6 of the County Code in order to ensure a more expeditious process for updating future versions of the MWELo on a triennial basis with other similar state model codes.

**PROCUREMENT**

Not applicable.

**REVIEW BY OTHERS**

This item has been reviewed by County Counsel (Bart Brizzee, Principal Assistant County Counsel and Jason Searles, Deputy County Counsel, 387-5455) on March 10, 2020; Finance (Kathleen Gonzalez, Administrative Analyst III, 387-5412) on March 16, 2020; County Finance and Administration (Robert Saldana, Deputy Executive Officer, 387-5423) on March 23, 2020.