

Notice of Exemption

To:
 County Clerk
County of Riverside
4080 Lemon St., 1st Floor
Riverside, CA 92502

Office of Planning and Research
1400 Tenth Street, Room 121
Sacramento, CA 95814

From:

Project Title: Landscape Water Use Efficiency Ordinance

Project Location - Specific: _____

Project Location - City: _____

Project Location - County: Riverside

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

In September 1990, Governor Pete Wilson signed Assembly Bill 325 directing the Department of Water Resources to adopt a Model Local Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance by January 1, 1992. A Model Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance was created by an advisory taskforce of interested stakeholders such as landscape and construction industry professionals, members of environmental protection groups, water agencies and state and local government. By January 1993, local agencies were to either adopt a Local Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance, adopt the State Model Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance or make a statement that due to water availability and other factors an ordinance was not necessary. The Water Conservation in Landscaping Act of 2006 (AB 1881) requires the Department of Water Resources, not later than January 1, 2009, by regulation, to update the model ordinance in accordance with specified requirements. AB 1881 requires local agencies, not later January 1, 2010, to adopt the updated model ordinance or equivalent or it will be automatically adopted by statute.

The project is adoption of a Landscape Water Use Efficiency Ordinance equivalent to the State Model Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: _____

Name of Agency or Person Carrying Out Project: _____

Exempt Status: (check one):

<input type="checkbox"/>	Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a))
<input type="checkbox"/>	Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c))
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Categorical Exemption 15307; 15378(b)(2)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Statutory Exemption

Reason Why Project is Exempt:

The ordinance is not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (Pub. Res. Code, sec. 2100 et seq.) ("CEQA") pursuant to Section 15307 (the activity assures the maintenance, restoration, enhancement, or protection of a natural resource by ensuring that water is conserved through more water-efficient landscaping practices) and Section 15378(b)(2) (the activity is not a project as it involves general policy and procedure making; specifically, it involves the setting of policy with regard to the landscaping requirements of future development and does propose or approve any specific landscaping project) of the State CEQA Guidelines, California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Chapter 3.

Lead Agency Contact Person: _____ **Area Code/Extension:** _____

If filed by Applicant:

1. Attach certified document of exemption finding
2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? (circle one) Yes No

Signature: _____ Date: _____ Title _____

Signed by Lead Agency
 Signed by Applicant

Date received for filing at OPR: