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## **Water Conservation Policy Amendments from the Dais**

### **Section**

IN-1 Require all plumbing fixtures to perform at current plumbing code volumes

### **Purpose of Amendment**

To clarify that single family must have plumbing fixtures that meet current plumbing code at the time of sale only, to add exceptions and to address Certificate of Compliance timing issues

### **Amendment**

Redraft IN-1 to

Clarify that single family must have plumbing fixtures that meet current plumbing code at the time of sale only, and not by a date certain

Add the following exceptions for single family residential and commercial and multi-family

- Properties where replacement of fixtures would pose a public health threat
- Certain designated historical structures
- Properties where all of the toilets have been replaced under the City's toilet replacement programs
- Properties built after the 1992 plumbing code change
- Responsibility for retrofit may be transferred from the seller to the buyer upon agreement of both parties, an appropriate process/mechanism for timely enforcement shall be developed

Add a statement expressing Certificates of Compliance can be applied for at any time, and will be issued after an inspection. Once a property is classified as compliant, it will be entered into a Water Conservation database and is not subject to any further inspections

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### **Section**

IN-2 Require the use of submeters or utility meters to bill for water

### **Purpose of Amendment**

To clarify that in mixed-use properties comprised of both commercial and residential condo units, submetered billing or utility meter billing is only required for the commercial units and not the residential condo units

### **Amendment**

Redraft last two sentences of the second paragraph of IN-2 to

The Task Force recommended that residential condo units not be required to use submeters or utility meters for billing, but did recommend that they should be encouraged to do so. Mixed-use and multiple-use properties must bill commercial occupants for water using either individual City meters or submeters

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#### **Section**

**OU-1 Expand Water Use Management Ordinance to limit frequency, timing and method of outdoor watering**

#### **Purpose of Amendment**

To clarify that the requirement for rain shutoff device retrofits on existing properties does not apply to single family residences add the words "commercial and multi-family"

#### **Amendment**

1(c) Require rain shut off devices on both new and existing commercial and multi-family Automatic irrigation systems that must be operational at all times and set to turn off the system after 1/8 inch of rainfall

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#### **Section**

**OU-2 Require new residential irrigation systems to meet design standards and permitting requirements**

#### **Purpose of Amendment**

To eliminate the requirement for irrigation system sub-meters and instead provide incentives, rebates and/or technical assistance

#### **Amendment**

Delete #4 – Irrigation sub-meters with automatic readouts for customer monitoring will be required one year after the other portions of this measure take effect. A rebate program for sub-meters with readouts for new and existing systems will be developed and will be in place until the requirement takes effect

Replace #4 with -- Irrigation sub-meters with automatic readouts for customer monitoring will be encouraged but not required. Staff will research the potential for offering rebates to incentivise the use of irrigation sub-meters

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#### **Section 1-2**

**OU-3 Create additional design requirements for commercial irrigation systems and landscapes.**

**OU-4 Establish soil depth requirements for new landscapes**

**OU-5 Require homebuilders to offer a WaterWise landscape option**

### **Purpose of Amendments**

Language relating to turfgrass dormancy requirements needs to accurately reflect that the primary goal of the City is to encourage *low water-use* grass species as opposed to those species that have dormancy capability but may or may not be low water-use species. Also, per recommendation OU-4, the Task Force did not recommend requiring particular grass species for all new single-family homes.

### **Amendment**

OU-3(2)(Commercial landscapes) – Amend language to read: turfgrasses included in the landscape shall be low water-use species.

OU-4(2) – Delete this language entirely. The Task Force did not recommend requiring particular grass species for new single-family properties.

OU-5(1)(b) – Amend language to read: have no more than 50% of the landscape area covered in turfgrass and require that turfgrasses be low water-use species.

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### **Section**

#### **OU-4 Establish soil depth requirements for new landscapes**

### **Purpose of Amendment**

This is amended to apply to all home builders.

### **Amendment**

Delete the word “volume” in the Applies To heading.

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### **Section**

#### **OU-5 Require homebuilders to offer a WaterWise landscape option**

### **Purpose of Amendment**

This is amended to apply to all home builders.

### **Amendment**

Delete the word “volume” in the Applies To heading.

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## **Section**

New Section

### **Purpose of Amendment**

To direct Staff to make a recommendation on the establishment of a Water Conservation Citizen's Advisory Group

### **Amendment**

A Citizen's Advisory Group will be established that will include large users, experts in the field of water conservation and other advisors as Council deems appropriate

It is envisioned that this group will

- Meet quarterly to review water conservation efforts and results,
- Recommend changes or adjustments to water conservation policies and strategies, and
- Present reports and findings to the Resource Management Commission on a regular basis