



City of Santa Barbara  
Public Works Department

## City of Santa Barbara Landscape Design Standards- Proposed Updates Summary

### Applicability

- Clarified that all development projects are subject to the LDS (adapted from MWELo § 490.1)
- Added several categories of projects that are exempt from the LDS

### Definitions

- Put definitions into alphabetical order and added to the list. Definitions that were added followed MWELo language (adapted from MWELo §491)

### Plant Requirements

- Kept our water wise requirements the same, but added option for applicants to submit MWELo calculations if they want to reach compliance in that way (adapted from MWELo, Appendix A, Sample Water Efficient Landscape Worksheet)
  - Residential properties will still aim for 80% low water using plants, or a 0.5 ETAF
  - Non-residential properties will still aim for 100% low water using plants, or a 0.037 ETAF
  - We are undecided if we should keep the Santa Barbara Addendum to WUCOLS

### Irrigation Requirements

- Added MWELo irrigation requirements (adapted from MWELo § 492.7). This category had the most additions including: drip emitters need to be 2 GPH or less and manual shut off valves and flow sensors are required for projects greater than 5,000 square feet.

### Submission Requirements

- Clarified the planting, irrigation and hydrozone details that should be on each plan (adapted from MWELo § 492.6 and § 492.7)
- Clarified that all submittals need to include a completed and signed City Landscape Compliance Statement

### Final landscape Inspections

- Projects with < 5,000 sf of new/revised irrigated area will have a Final Inspection from City Staff
- Projects with > 5,000 sf or new/revised irrigated area will have a Final Inspection from City Staff and need to comply with MWELo § 492.12 and obtain a 3<sup>rd</sup> party irrigation audit.