

EBMUD LAC Project Committee Meeting

DATE: Thursday July 18, 2024

TIME: 2:00pm – 3:30pm

LOCATION: EBMUD Watershed Headquarters, 500 San Pablo Dam Road

## AGENDA

- 2:00                   **Welcome**
- 2:05                   **Legislative Updates**
- [AB 1572](#) - Prohibition of watering non-functional turf with drinking water effective per State Water Board. 2027 statewide law, phased approach starting with municipalities. AB 1572 opportunities i.e. San Leandro Home Depot
- 2:10                   **Project Updates**
- Payback lawn conversion calculator
  - Spring Irrigation Audit rebate
  - Landscape Rebates – up to \$20,000 thru end of 2026 for commercial
  - Lafayette Reservoir Demonstration Garden update
  - CNPS landscaper certification program – English and Spanish
  - Bureau Grant (letters of recommendation)
- 2:20 pm               **Discussion** with Charles Bohlig  
Residential lawn conversion rebate program evaluation. Is there room to improve?
- 3:15 pm               **Next General Meeting Ideas**
- Schoolyards
  - Heat Island Effect
  - In the field - maintenance round robin
- 3:30 pm               **Adjourn**

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### CHAPTER 2.5. Nonfunctional Turf

#### 10608.14.

(a) The use of potable water for the irrigation of nonfunctional turf located on commercial, industrial, and institutional properties, other than a cemetery, and on properties of homeowners' associations, common interest developments, and community service organizations or similar entities is prohibited as of the following dates:

(1) All properties owned by the Department of General Services, beginning January 1, 2027.

(2) All properties owned by local governments, local or regional public agencies, and public water systems, except those specified in paragraph (5), beginning January 1, 2027.

(3) All other institutional properties and all commercial and industrial properties, beginning January 1, 2028.

(4) All common areas of properties of homeowners' associations, common interest developments, and community service organizations or similar entities, beginning January 1, 2029.

(5) All properties owned by local governments, local public agencies, and public water systems in a disadvantaged community, beginning January 1, 2031, or the date upon which a state funding source is made available to fund conversion of nonfunctional turf on these properties to climate-appropriate landscapes, whichever is later.

(b) Notwithstanding subdivision (a), the use of potable water is not prohibited by this section to the extent necessary to ensure the health of trees and other perennial nonturf plantings, or to the extent necessary to address an immediate health and safety need.

(c) The board may, upon a showing of good cause for reasons including economic hardship, critical business need, and potential impacts to human health or safety, postpone a compliance deadline in subdivision (a) by up to three years for certain persons, institutions, and businesses, and may create a form to be used for compliance certification to the board by property owners.

(d) Public water systems shall, by no later than January 1, 2027, revise their regulations, ordinances, or policies governing water service to include the requirements of subdivisions (a) and (b), as revised by the board pursuant to subdivision (c), and shall communicate the requirements to their customers on or before that date.

(e) (1) An owner of commercial, industrial, or institutional property with more than 5,000 square feet of irrigated area other than a cemetery shall certify to the board, commencing June 30, 2030, and every three years thereafter through 2039, that their property is in compliance with the requirements of this chapter.

(2) An owner of a property with more than 5,000 square feet of irrigated common area that is a homeowners' association, common interest development, or community service organization or similar entity shall certify to the board, commencing June 30, 2031, and every three years thereafter through 2040, that their property is in compliance with the requirements of this chapter.