

# Ordinance Fact Sheet

TO:

CITY COUNCIL

**DATE:** May 24, 2010

FROM:

CITY ATTORNEY

**SUBJECT:** NEW CHAPTER 13.22: "WATER EFFICIENT LANDSCAPE"

## TITLE OF PROPOSED ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PASADENA ADDING A NEW CHAPTER 13.22 TO THE PASADENA MUNICIPAL CODE ENTITLED "WATER EFFICIENT LANDSCAPE"

#### **PURPOSE OF ORDINANCE**

This ordinance implements and codifies the municipal code amendments related to water efficient landscaping approved by the City Council on March 15, 2010. The purpose of this ordinance is to regulate water use for landscaping purposes in the City, consistent with the Pasadena Water Waste Prohibitions and Water Supply Shortage Plan.

#### REASON WHY LEGISLATION IS NEEDED

This ordinance is needed to comply with Government Code Section 65595, which requires that every city in California regulate water use for landscaping purposes consistent with the State's model ordinance. The goal of this new Chapter 13.22 is to ensure that new landscaping projects and existing larger sites install more water efficient landscaping, thereby conserving the City's water resources.

#### PROGRAMS, DEPARTMENTS OR GROUPS AFFECTED

The Planning and Development Department, and the Water and Power Department, will implement the proposed ordinance.

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## **FISCAL IMPACT**

There will not be an immediate fiscal impact as a result of these amendments to the municipal code. Appropriate fees will be collected by the Planning and Development Department from any landscaping project required to be reviewed pursuant to the new Chapter 13.22.

# **ENVIRONMENTAL**

On March 15, 2010, the Council adopted a negative declaration for the proposed new Chapter 13.22.

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