

# NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

## Proposed New City Ordinance for Water Use in Yards and Landscaped Areas

The City of Pasadena invites you to attend a public meeting and a question and answer session to explain a proposed Ordinance for water use in yards and other landscaped areas. The meeting is on:

**Date:** Tuesday, September 15, 2009

**Time:** 6:30 p.m.

**Location:** Salvation Army Tabernacle Fellowship Hall

**Address:** 960 E. Walnut Street, Pasadena, CA 91106

Parking is available on site (with access from Mentor Avenue)

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The City is developing a comprehensive program to ensure that Pasadena Water and Power can continue to be provided to residents, businesses, and institutions, and allow for reasonable expansion and growth in the future. As we know, water is a precious resource in our region and it is important for the City to manage water usage so that we can continue to enjoy a high quality of life for residents and maintain healthy business activity.

The State of California has recently adopted legislation that requires all cities in the State to monitor water that is used in the irrigation of grass, shrubs, trees, and other plants in landscaped areas on certain kinds of properties and public facilities. The proposed Ordinance will be applicable to two kinds of properties:

- 1) Large properties (private and public properties) that currently have one acre of landscaped land (which is equivalent to approximately 43,000 square feet); and,
- 2) Properties that involve substantial re-landscaping or newly installed landscaping on portions of land. In this case, a minimum of 2,500 square feet (for businesses and institutions) or 5,000 square feet (for homeowners) of re-landscaping would have to be involved in order for the Ordinance to be applicable.

This proposed Ordinance will not apply to most properties in the City unless a property owner or a business intends to re-landscape a large portion of property. For example, an owner who lives in a single-family house would have to meet the requirements of the Ordinance only if 5,000 square feet of a yard is re-landscaped. Many single-family properties in the City do not have 5,000 square feet or more of landscaping on their properties.

At the meeting, Pasadena Water and Power will provide information on how to save water and will describe incentives and programs the City offers to reduce water consumption.

If you have questions about the proposed Ordinance, please contact either **Mr. John Steinmeyer at (626) 744-6880** or **Ms. Natsue Sheppard at (626) 744-7527** of the Planning Division. If you would like to learn about the State Model Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance online, please see:

**Web Link to State Ordinance Web Site:**

<http://www.owue.water.ca.gov/landscape/ord/updatedOrd.cfm#final>

**Final State Ordinance Regulation Text:**

[http://www.owue.water.ca.gov/docs/final\\_reg\\_text.pdf](http://www.owue.water.ca.gov/docs/final_reg_text.pdf)

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