

**ATTACHMENT A**  
**FINDINGS OF CONSISTENCY**

Prior to the approval of a Zoning Code Amendment, the following findings must be made:

1. *The proposed amendment is in conformance with the goals, policies and objectives of the General Plan, and other adopted goals and policies of the City.*

The proposed amendment to the Zoning Code is consistent with the goals and policies of the General Plan as follows:

**General Plan**

***Land Use Element***

- **GOAL 10.** City Sustained and Renewed. Development and infrastructure practices that sustain natural environmental resources for the use of future generations and, at the same time, contribute to the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions and impact on climate change.
- **POLICY 10.1** Environmental Quality and Conservation. Establish Pasadena as a leader on environmental stewardship efforts including air quality protection, energy and water efficiency, renewable energy standards, natural resource conservation, and greenhouse gas emission standards in the areas of energy, water, air and land.
- **POLICY 10.2** Land Uses Supporting Sustainability. Encourage land uses and improvements that reduce energy and water consumption, waste and noise generation, air quality impacts and support other comparable resource strategies for sustainable Pasadena; including alternative energy generation, electric vehicle parking and charging, recycling, and similar facilities.
- **POLICY 10.7** Landscape. Encourage sustainable practices for landscape materials, landscape design, and land development

***Open Space and Conservation Element***

- **POLICY** Encourage use of native plants in public and private landscape.
- **POLICY** Provide public education programs regarding the benefits of native vegetation and plants in open space and developed areas of the city.

The proposed Zoning Code Amendment is in conformance with the goals, policies, and objectives of the General Plan since the amendment will encourage the use of native landscaping in public and private projects. This amendment establishes efficient provisions for water management practices and water waste prevention for existing landscapes and requires the efficient use of water by setting a Maximum Applied Water Allowance as an upper limit for water use to reduce water use to the lowest practical amount. As part of this

code amendment, the City via the Department of Water and Power will also continue to provide the public with educational programs to inform them of the benefits of native landscaping and how to convert their existing lawns into a more water-conscious landscape. Adoption of the State's model water efficient landscape provisions via this code amendment establishes a structure for planning, designing, installing, maintaining and managing water efficient landscapes in new construction and rehabilitated projects thereby sustainable practices for irrigation, landscape material, design and development can be ensured.

2. *The proposed amendment would not be detrimental to the public interest, health, safety, convenience, or general welfare of the City.*

The proposed Zoning Code Amendment would not be detrimental to the public interest, health, safety, convenience, or general welfare of the City because the amendment mandates added levels of protection for our region's scarce water resources via the use of water-efficient, drought-tolerant, native landscaping and the installation of water efficient irrigation systems which utilize smart technology to ensure that adequate moisture levels are met, not exceeded, depending on the needs of the planted landscape. Furthermore, no detrimental impacts are anticipated in that the proposed amendments also include regulations requiring irrigation audits and certification by licensed or certified professionals to ensure that all to ensure that the landscape and irrigation was installed and completed according to the landscape documentation package approved by the City.

ATTACHMENT B

COMMUNICATION PLAN FOR WATER-EFFICIENT LANDSCAPE ORDINANCE REQUIREMENTS

#	COMMUNICATION	FORMAT	AVAILABILITY
1	Information regarding the general requirements of the MWVELO	A webpage will be developed to include general information about the MWVELO as well as a copy of the ordinance, application forms, informational brochures and contact information regarding the MWVELO.	Online (prior to the effective date of the ordinance).
2	General information on how to determine if your project is subject to the MWVELO	An easy-to-read informational brochure will be created for customers	In the lobby of the Permit Center and also downloadable online
3	Information on the submittal requirements for the Prescriptive Compliance Option for projects with a landscape area >500 sf. and <2,500 s.f.,	An application package for compliance with the Prescriptive Compliance option will be created.	In the lobby of the Permit Center and also downloadable online
4	Information on the submittal requirements for the Performance Compliance Option for projects with a landscape area >2,500 s.f.	A 'Landscape Documentation Package' for compliance with the Performance Compliance option will be created.	In the lobby of the Permit Center and also downloadable online