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Fwd: Model Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance (MWELo) Updates

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I would be happy to help with this research if you would like me to.

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Effective May 4, 2026, the Office of Administrative Law approved the following change in regulatory language. This purpose of this change is to align with the recent renumbering of a referenced requirement.

Approved Regulatory Language

Title 14, California Code of Regulations, Section 18989.2

(a) A jurisdiction shall adopt an ordinance or other enforceable requirement that requires compliance with Sections 493.2(d)(2), (3), (4), and (7) of the Model Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance, Title 23, Division 2, Chapter 2.7 of the California Code of Regulations as enacted on January 2, 2025.

For a full explanation and details of each change, please refer to the Explanatory Statement linked in the Current Status and Documents section on [CalRecycle's rulemaking archive page for Model Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance \(MWELo\)](#).

Action Required for Jurisdictions

Review Local Enforceable Mechanisms: A jurisdiction should examine its existing SB 1383 ordinances or local Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance (WELo) to identify section citations.

- If a jurisdiction's ordinance explicitly references the historic MWELo sections—previously cited as *492.6(a)(3)(B), (C), (D), and (G)*—it may need to issue administrative updates or amend its local text to match the renumbered Section 493.2(d) text.

Questions and Resources

To learn more about local requirements, check [CalRecycle's Construction and Landscaping Resource Page](#).

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