

Item 2.2. - Final Adoption of San Jose Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance

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Dear Mayor Liccardo and City Councilmembers,

On behalf of Valley Water, I would like to express our sincere appreciation to the City of San Jose for including on this evening's City Council agenda the item for final adoption of Ordinance No. 30765o to modify water efficient landscape standards for new and rehabilitated landscaping and to clarify potable water conservation standards (Item 2.2).

The adopted ordinance will amend the City of San Jose's Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance, requiring drought-resistant landscape design for all new development, limiting hardscape in favor of planting native and non-hardscape landscape features that reduce heat island effects and stormwater runoff, and deleting the recycled water exemption for irrigation. These amendments will help reduce overall water consumption for irrigation by both residents and businesses, protect our limited water supply, and further water conservation goals.

Collective water conservation efforts across the County, such as implementing water conservation measures that will strengthen drought resilience, are crucial to minimizing the impact of the water supply challenges and ensuring a reliable water supply for future generations. This City Council action and ongoing work by City staff will help address the severe drought conditions to meet local needs and address the current and anticipated water supply shortages.

As we continue to face unprecedented drought conditions, Valley Water stands ready to support continued efforts to work with you and other cities to achieve reduction in water use across the County. Please know our Board of Directors greatly appreciates your leadership and quick action, and we thank you for your leadership and decisive action in underscoring the seriousness of our region's water supply conditions.

Sincerely,

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