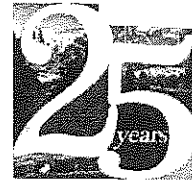

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Other States' Policies to Reduce Municipal Outdoor Water Consumption

Water Resources Review Committee Discussion of SB 14-017

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Regulatory-Based Approaches

State Level

California Model Landscape Ordinance (AB 1881, 2006)

- Follow on of AB 325 (1990) and task force recommendations (2004)
- Uses water budget approach with maximum water use set to 60% of evapotranspiration (ET)
- Applies to all landscapes > 2,500 sq. ft. w/ some exceptions

Arizona Groundwater Management Act (1980)

- Limits on turf facilities > 10 acres
- No high water use plants in public rights of way

Georgia Water Stewardship Act (SB 370, 2010)

- Ban on all outdoor irrigation between 10am – 4pm
- Several plumbing code updates included as well

California Statewide Conservation Goal (SB X7-7, 2009)

- Reduce per capita urban water use 20% by 2020
- Entities that do not meet intermediate goals are not eligible for state funding

Local Level

Turf Limitations

- Las Vegas Valley, NV: prohibits turf in front yards, 50% maximum in side and rear yards; no turf in commercial or industrial complexes (e.g., Las Vegas Municipal Code §14.11.150)
- Sierra Vista, AZ: similar to Las Vegas

Demand Offset Programs

- San Luis Obispo, CA: Developers conduct retrofits and must reduce water use by twice the amount of water needed for the project – 2:1 offset ratio (expires 2015)
- Santa Cruz, CA: same type of program via Soquel Creek Water District

Rainwater Harvesting

- Santa Fe, NM: Residential homes > 2,500 sq. ft. require a cistern to serve all landscaped areas (Ordinance No. 2003-6)
- Flagstaff, AZ: Rainwater to meet total landscape demands; applies to all non-residential and multi-family residential properties (Ordinance No. 2012-03)

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Incentive-Based Approaches

State Level

Tax Credits

- Arizona: Individual income tax credit up to \$1,000 for water conservation systems implementation in the residence

Local Level

Turf Replacement

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Community	Rebate Amount (\$)
Los Angeles, CA	3.50
San Diego, CA	3.00
Las Vegas, NV	1.50
Albuquerque, NM	1.00
Scottsdale, AZ	0.50

Rainwater Harvesting

- Tucson, Sierra Vista, Prescott AZ: maximum \$2,000 for rainwater harvesting systems

Other

- Expedited permitting at local level for developments with water-efficient landscapes
- Reduction in tap fees for low-water use landscaping