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Subject: Water and Energy Efficiency Landscape Ordinance

Dear Ms. Quenga:

Coastal Commission staff has reviewed the County's draft Water and Energy Efficiency Landscape Ordinance that was developed consistent with the requirements of Assembly Bill (AB) 1881. In sum, the ordinance includes new submittal requirements for planting, irrigation, lighting, and soils plans in order to reduce water and energy consumption through landscape design techniques. The County intends to apply this ordinance countywide, as required by AB 1881. As discussed previously with County staff, we do not believe that this ordinance needs to be added to the LCP. The existing regulations in the LCP appear to adequately cover the issue of water conservation/water efficiency in landscaping without the need to add any references to this new ordinance, and the County is not precluded from applying this new ordinance in the Coastal Zone by any existing LCP regulations. That being said, Commission staff is also not opposed to adding the ordinance to the LCP if the County sees the need.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide guidance on this issue and please let us know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Katie Butler".

Katie Butler
Coastal Planner
Central Coast District Office

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