What the Framework?

BECAUSE THERE HAVE BEEN A LOT OF MEETINGS RECENTLY.





What the FRAMEWORK? A ROUND-UP OF WHAT'S GOING ON WITH THE NEW CONSERVATION REGULATIONS



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The Indoor Standard



Chelsea Haines, ACWA



CURRENT indoor standard (from 2018 legislation) 2020: 55 GPCD 2025: 52.5 GPCD 2030: 50 GPCD

PROPOSED indoor standard (AB 1434 (Friedman)) – *likely will change* 2020: **48 GPCD** 2025: **44 GPCD** 2030: **40 GPCD**

RECOMMENDED indoor standard (DWR and SWRCB Joint Report)

2020: **55 GPCD** 2025: **47 GPCD** 2030: **42 GPCD**

The Residential Outdoor Standard



Nate Adams, Santa Margarita Water District

ORWU Equation = (ETo-Peff) x (LAs) x (ETF) x (0.62)

ORWU = Outdoor Residential Water Use (gallons)

- **ETo** = Reference evapotranspiration (inches)
- **Peff** = Effective precipitation (inches)
- **LAs** = Landscape area for a water supplier (sq. ft)
- **ETF** = ET Factor (unitless) represents a percentage of reference
- ETo; function of plants' water needs & irrigation efficiency
- **0.62** = unit conversion factor

Landscape Area Measurement

- Landscape area measurement was developed using aerial imagery of the 399 urban water agencies in CA
- LAs will include all IRRIGABLE IRRIGATED (II) landscape and if needed will also include a 20% buffer of IRRIGABLE NOT IRRIGATED (INI) Landscape

Current DWR Recommendation for ETF

2023 – 2029 = 0.80 ETF* 2030 and thereafter = 0.65 ETF New Developments = 0.55 (or current MWELO ETAF value) Special Landscape Areas (SLA) = 1.0 ETF

* Note that DWR has assumed an irrigation efficiency of 80%

The CII Landscape Standard



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UWUO_{CII-DIM} Equation =

(ETo-Peff) x (LAs) x (ETF) x (0.62) + (New LA x 0.45 x ETo) + (SLA x 1.0 x ETo)

UWUO = Urban Water Use Objective (gallons)

- **ETo** = Reference evapotranspiration (inches)
- **Peff** = Effective precipitation (inches)
- **LAs** = Landscape area for a water supplier (sq. ft)
- **SLA** = Special landscape area (sq. ft)

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CII-DIM Standard

- In calculating the UWUO, suppliers must include the estimated efficient irrigation with CII-DIMs or equivalent technology. Where "equivalent technology" is undefined in the Water Code.
- Equivalent Technology criteria as presented by DWR on Nov. 16, 2021:

Criteria:

1.Measures water volume with an equivalent accuracy and reporting period as existing CII-DIMs <u>and</u>

2.Reports those values directly to the urban retail water supplier

• If an urban retail water supplier converts a MUM to a DIM or equivalent technology, it becomes included in the CII-DIM Standard.

CII-DIM Performance Measures

WC 10609.10(b)(2) "Recommendations for setting minimum size thresholds for converting mixed CII meters to dedicated irrigation meters, and evaluation of, and recommendations for, technologies that could be used <u>in lieu of requiring</u> dedicated irrigation meters."

- In-lieu technologies are an alternative if a supplier does not convert MUM greater than the threshold to a DIM or equivalent technology.
- Note: Urban retailers are not required to report efficient water use volumes for CII landscaping using in-lieu technologies in the calculation of the UWUO.
- CII-DIM threshold recommendations are anticipated in early 2022. DWR is considering a 20,000 ft² threshold.



CII-DIM Feasibility Analysis

 Assessed feasibility of DIM programs at 20,000 & 40,000 ft² threshold:

✓ 1 Theoretical

✓ 3 water agencies (Northern Coast, East Bay and Southern Coast)

- Prepared in collaboration with CA Data Collaborative
- Submitted as comment to DWR 11/24 (cc SWRCB)



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Landscape Area Comparison (10% reduction, 1 Lateral)

→ 20,000 sq. ft. **→** 40,000 sq ft.

The Water Loss Standard



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The standard for water loss due to leaks in the water system pipes is based on a loss standard of gallons per connection

Timeline for Water Loss Regulation

- The formal rulemaking is expected to start **Dec. 24, 2021**
- January 3rd-7th, 2022 –State Water Board to host public workshop to discuss additions and change to the proposed water loss regulation
- Late January/Early February 2022 State Water Board to host public hearing for stakeholder comments on proposed water loss regulation
 - Comments can be submitted to the State Water Board via email anytime during the 45-day comment period
- April/May 2022 Anticipated Regulation approval
- July 1, 2022 Effective date of approved Regulation

DWR Updated Schedule

Component	Timing	Lead Agency
Permanent monthly reporting	Since Oct. 1, 2020	SWRCB
Water loss standards	End of 2020 Formal Rulemaking est. COB 2021	SWRCB
Recommendation on indoor standards	January 2021 Nov. 30, 2021	DWR
Residential irrigable land measurements	January 2021 ?	DWR
Recommendation on WUE standards*	Oct. 1, 2021 Draft Nov 2021 Final est. COB 2021	DWR
UWMP/WSCP updates	July 2021	DWR
Adoption of WUE standards*	July 2022	SWRCB
Annual water supply and demand assessment	June 2022	DWR

*WUE standards include:

- Outdoor residential use standard
- Standard for CII outdoor landscape area with dedicated irrigation meters
- Performance measures for CII water use
- Appropriate variances
- Guidelines and methodologies for calculating urban water use objectives