



## 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)

#### Arizona

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Scottsdale, AZ 85252

#### Colorado

2260 Baseline Rd.  
Suite 200  
Boulder, CO 80304

#### Nevada

550 W. Musser Street  
Suite I  
Carson City, NV 89703

#### New Mexico

409 East Palace Ave.  
Unit 2  
Santa Fe, NM 87501

#### Utah

150 South 600 East  
Suite 2AB  
Salt Lake City, UT 84102

## 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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<b>Community</b>	<b>Rebate Amount (\$)</b>
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