

**SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

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**FROM:** Department of Facilities Management

**SUBMITTAL DATE:**  
July 20, 2005

**SUBJECT:** Introduction and Adoption of Board Policy H-25, Water Efficient Landscape Policy for County Facilities

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** That the Board of Supervisors approve the attached proposed Board Policy H-25, Water Efficient Landscape Policy for County Facilities.

**BACKGROUND:** On March 1, 2005, via Minute Order 3.44, the Board of Supervisors approved Resolution 2005-083, which proclaimed the County of Riverside a "Water Wise County". Within the resolution, the county committed to the development and implementation of water use efficiency guidelines. With assistance from Supervisor Ashley's office, attached is Board Policy H-25, Water Efficient Landscape Policy for County Facilities, which requires that all county facilities should be as water efficient as possible. Any new or retrofitted county facilities shall follow this policy.

Departmental Concurrence

*Michael J. Sylvester*

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<b>FINANCIAL DATA</b>	<b>Current F.Y. Total Cost:</b>	\$ -0-	<b>In Current Year Budget:</b>	N/A
	<b>Current F.Y. Net County Cost:</b>	\$ -0-	<b>Budget Adjustment:</b>	N/A
	<b>Annual Net County Cost:</b>	\$ -0-	<b>For Fiscal Year:</b>	05-06

<b>SOURCE OF FUNDS:</b>	<b>Positions To Be Deleted Per A-30</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<b>Requires 4/5 Vote</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION:**

**APPROVE**

*Lisa Brandl*

**County Executive Office Signature**

Policy  Policy

Consent  Consent

Dept's Recomm.:  
Per Exec. Ofc.:

Prev. Agn. Ref.: 3.44 3/1/04

District: All

Agenda Number:

3.25

**COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, CALIFORNIA**  
**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS POLICY**

<b>Subject:</b>	<b><u>Policy Number</u></b>	<b><u>Page</u></b>
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**Policy:**

The purpose of this Use Policy is to provide guidelines for the encouragement of water efficient landscaping for County-owned facilities.

This landscape policy promotes water efficient California landscapes that are harmonious with the diverse environment within the County of Riverside. This policy is established to preserve water, which is a valuable natural resource within the county.

**Design Guidelines**

The following landscaping guidelines are encouraged for all new or retrofitted county-owned facilities:

1. Use of drought tolerant, "California friendly" plantings suitable to the microclimate of the area.
2. Use of native trees and plants whenever possible.
3. Appropriate landscaping for fire safety in fire prone areas.
4. Use of separate irrigation valves for hydrozones.
5. Use of separate meters for irrigation systems.
6. Installation of automatic controllers, weather-based controllers and rain switches.
7. Use irrigation systems designed to avoid runoff and overspray e.g., drip systems where feasible.
8. Avoid turf grass in medians.
9. Monthly and annual irrigation schedules specifying estimated water use.
10. Develop routine landscape maintenance and implement efficient water management/irrigation practices.
11. Conduct irrigation audits every five years.
12. Encourage the use of recycled water whenever possible.