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# Outdoor Water Use Landscape Plans and Specifications

The District will review applications for new services and determine the applicability of, and compliance with, water-efficiency requirements. All applicants shall comply with Section 31 water efficiency regulations and those required by applicable local, state and/or federal law, including the California Green Building Standards Code (CALGreen) and the Model Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance (MWELo).

Applicants shall maintain design documents and construction records and furnish a copy of these documents and records to the District upon request. Landscape design and construction must meet the requirements outlined below.

**Checklist of Requirements:**

**Landscape projects 0-499 SF in area**

Applicants must submit, at a minimum, an annotated site plan that includes the following elements:

- Property address
- Scale bar and north arrow
- Property boundaries
- Hardscape, including structures, roads, driveways, walkways, patios, decks, etc.
- New landscaping, including planted areas, pools and water features
- Existing landscaping or unmodified open space to remain
- Location of all hose bibs

**Landscape projects 500 SF or more in area**

Applicants must submit an MWELo-compliant landscape documentation package for projects that are 500 square feet or more in area, meeting the following minimum requirements:

**Planting Plan**

- MWELo compliance statement signed and dated by applicant
- Plant legend identifying botanical name and water needs of each species
- Location of all plants
- Plants color coded by water needs and grouped by hydrozone
- Notes requiring compost incorporated at a rate of 4 cubic yards per 1,000 sf into the top 6 inches of soil or compost per horticultural soil report recommendations
- Notes and/or details requiring a minimum of 3 inches of organic mulch on exposed soils except where contraindicated
- Lawn/turf not to exceed 25% of landscape area or planted on slopes greater than 25%

**Grading Plan (or sufficient topographic information on planting or irrigation plans)**

- Contours
- Spot elevations
- Drainage patterns

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## Landscape Plans and Specifications

### Irrigation Plan

- \_\_\_\_\_ Irrigation legend with make, model and description of each irrigation component
- \_\_\_\_\_ Smart, weather-based irrigation controller with a rain or soil sensor
- \_\_\_\_\_ EBMUD meter location (meter dedicated to irrigation required for non-residential projects 5,000 SF or more)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Point of connection
- \_\_\_\_\_ Manual shutoff valve
- \_\_\_\_\_ Reduced pressure backflow prevention device (automatic valves that feature a backflow prevention device may be substituted if installed properly; double check valves are not allowed)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Pressure regulation (if conditions require)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Private sub-meter installed by applicant (for non-residential landscapes 1,000 SF or more and residential landscapes 5,000 SF or more or as determined by EBMUD)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Flow sensor with master shutoff valve (for non-residential landscapes 500 SF or more and residential landscapes 5,000 SF or more)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Irrigation mainline and laterals
- \_\_\_\_\_ Remote control valves with flow rate of each zone/valve
- \_\_\_\_\_ Emission devices (drip, bubblers, spray, etc.)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Flush valves at hydraulic opposite end of drip zones
- \_\_\_\_\_ Air relief valves (if conditions require)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Irrigation zone boundaries match hydrozones
- \_\_\_\_\_ Irrigation zones are designed with uniform precipitation across the entire zone
- \_\_\_\_\_ Emission devices have fixed flow rates and are of the same type within a zone (adjustable/variable flow rate emitters are not allowed)
- \_\_\_\_\_ No overhead spray in areas less than 10 feet across or within 2 feet of impervious surfaces
- \_\_\_\_\_ Spray heads spaced to provide head to head coverage

### Water Budget Calculations (required for landscapes 2,500 SF or more in area; see EBMUD Water Efficient Landscape Worksheet)

- \_\_\_\_\_ Appropriate reference evapotranspiration rate (ET<sub>o</sub>)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Appropriate plant factors
- \_\_\_\_\_ Appropriate irrigation efficiencies
- \_\_\_\_\_ Estimated Total Water Use (ETWU)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Maximum Applied Water Allowance (MAWA)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Pass/Fail (ETWU must not exceed MAWA)

### **Subdivisions**

Landscaping for each lot and all common area within a subdivision must meet the above requirements. In addition, applicants must submit a detailed site map of the entire subdivision, featuring the following elements:

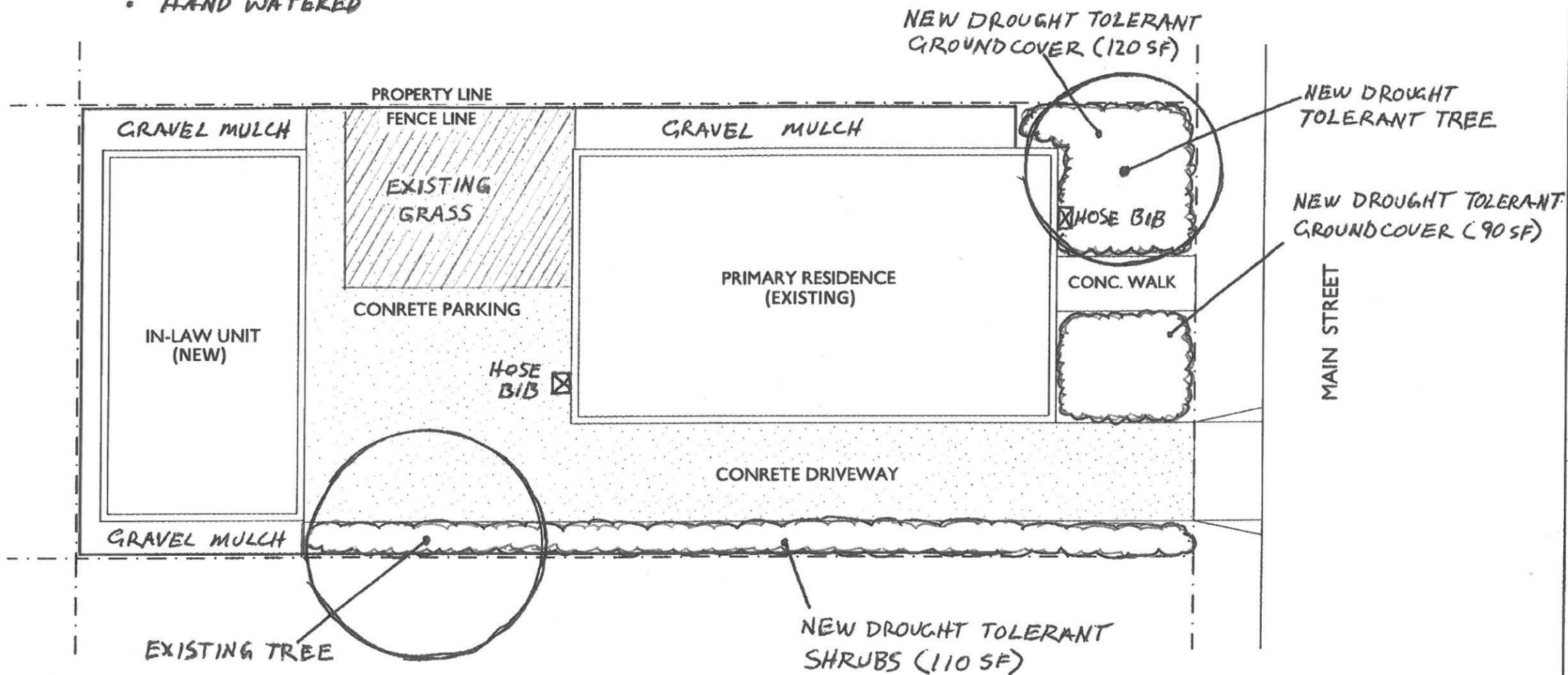
- \_\_\_\_\_ Location of all lots with lot numbers and boundaries
- \_\_\_\_\_ Street names
- \_\_\_\_\_ Location of each irrigation meter
- \_\_\_\_\_ Boundary of the area to be served by each meter

## SAMPLE SITE PLAN

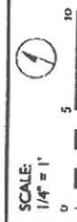
(FOR LANDSCAPING 0 – 499 SQUARE FEET IN AREA)

ANNOTATED SITE PLAN

- 320 SF OF NEW LANDSCAPING
- HAND WATERED



DESIGNER CONTACT INFORMATION



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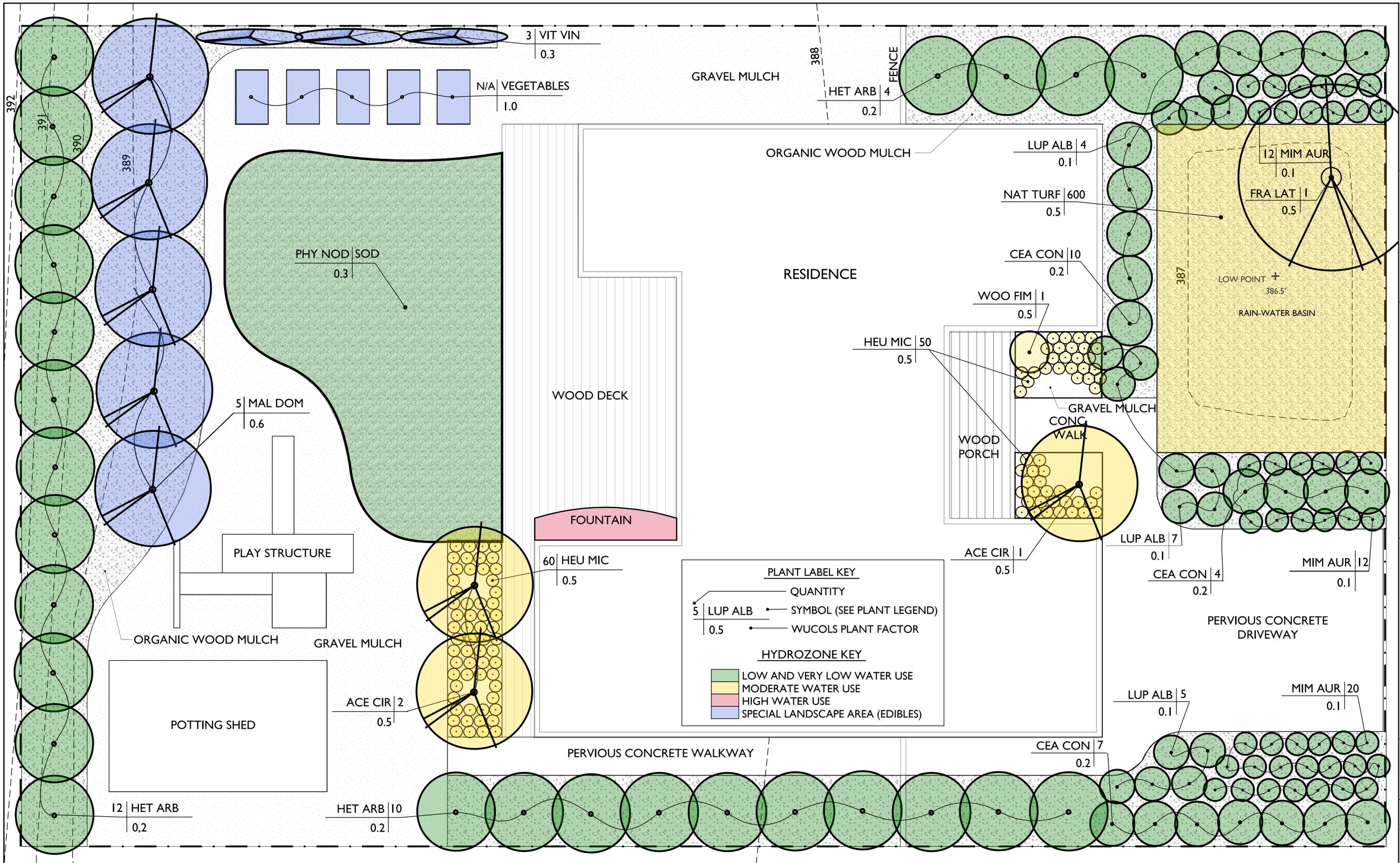
SITE PLAN

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# SAMPLE RESIDENTIAL LANDSCAPE PLANS

(FOR LANDSCAPING 500 – 4,999 SQUARE FEET IN AREA)



DESIGNER CONTACT INFORMATION

ORIGINAL SCALE: 1/4" = 1'

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PLANTING AND HYDROZONE PLAN

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**SAMPLE PLANT LEGEND**

(BOTANICAL NAME AND WATER USE DESIGNATION REQUIRED)

SYMBOL	BOTANICAL NAME	COMMON NAME	QUANTITY	SIZE	NOTES	WUCOLS
<b>TREES:</b>						
ACE CIR	ACER CIRCINATUM	VINE MAPLE	3	15 GAL.	NATIVE, MULTI-STEM	M
FRA LAT	FRAXINUS LATIFOLIA	OREGON ASH	1	24" BOX	NATIVE, STANDARD	M
MAL DOM	MALUS DOMESTICA 'FUJI'	FUJI APPLE	4	15 GAL.	EDIBLE, STANDARD	M
<b>SHRUBS:</b>						
CEA CON	CEANOTHUS CONCHA	MOUNTAIN LILAC	20	5 GAL.	NATIVE, REDUCED SUMMER WATER	L
HET ARB	HETEROMELES ALBUTIFOLIA	TOYON	16	5 GAL.	NATIVE, REDUCED SUMMER WATER	L
LUP ALB	LUPINUS ALBIFRONS	SILVER BUSH LUPINE STICKY MONKEY	17	1 GAL.	NATIVE, REDUCED SUMMER WATER	VL
MIM AUR	MIMULUS AURANTIACUS	FLOWER	29	1 GAL.	NATIVE, REDUCED SUMMER WATER	VL
VIT VIN	VITIS CALIFORNICA 'RODGER'S RED'	WILD GRAPE	3	1 GAL.	NATIVE HYBRID	L
WOO FIM	WOODWARDIA FIMBRIATA	GIANT CHAIN FERN	1	5 GAL.	NATIVE	M
<b>GROUNDCOVERS:</b>						
HEU MAX	HEUCHERA MICRANTHA	CREVICE ALUM ROOT	110	4 INCH	NATIVE	M
PHY NOD	PHYLA NODIFLORA	KURAPIA	675 SF	SOD	NATIVE CULTIVAR	L
NAT TURF	F.OCCIDENTALLIS, F. RUBRA, F. IDAHOENSIS	NATIVE FESCUE BLEND	600 SF	SOD	NATIVE	L

**SAMPLE NOTES**

(REQUIRED MEASURES)

**PLANTING**

- 1) TURF IS LIMITED TO 25 PERCENT OF THE TOTAL IRRIGATED AREA (EXCEPT WHERE NON-RESIDENTIAL PLAY FIELDS ARE A PROGRAM REQUIREMENT) AND NOT PLANTED ON AREAS SLOPING MORE THAN 25 PERCENT.
- 2) PLANTINGS MUST BE GROUPED INTO HYDROZONES BASED ON MICROCLIMATE, SOIL TYPE, PLANT TYPE, AND WATER USE CLASSIFICATION (SEE WUCOLS: WWW.UCNR.EDU/SITES/WUCOLS/).

**IRRIGATION**

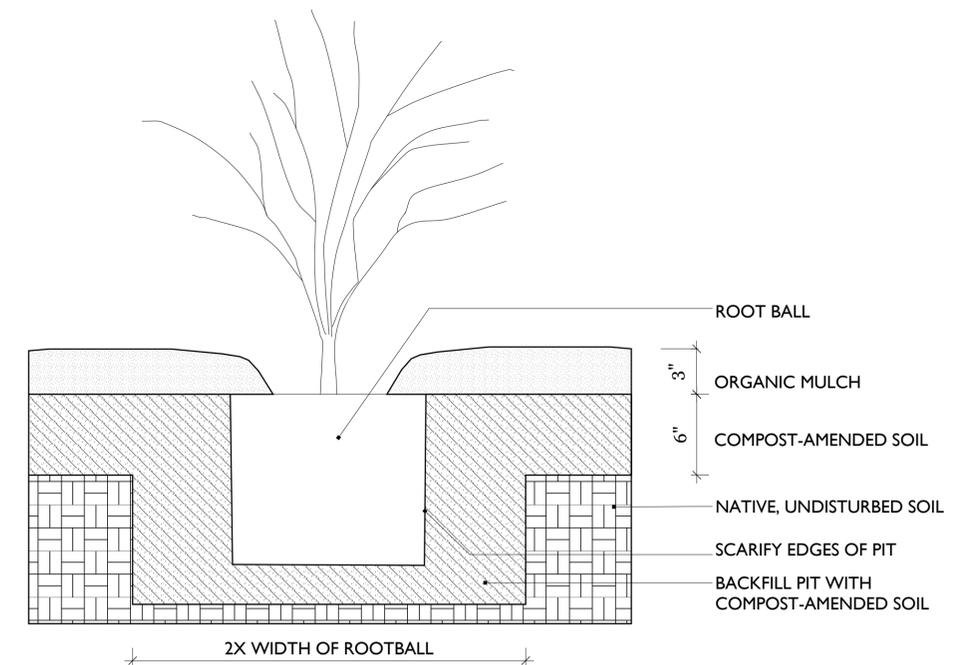
- 3) PRECIPITATION RATES MUST BE UNIFORM ACROSS EACH ZONE.
- 4) EMITTERS MUST BE FIXED RATE AND OF THE SAME TYPE WITHIN A ZONE. NO VARIABLE OR ADJUSTABLE FLOW RATE EMITTERS ARE ALLOWED. MIXING EMITTERS WITHIN A ZONE IS NOT ALLOWED.
- 5) OVERHEAD SPRAY IS NOT ALLOWED IN AREAS LESS THAN TEN FEET ACROSS IN ANY DIMENSION.
- 6) OVERHEAD SPRAY NOZZELS MUST BE SET BACK A MINIMUM OF TWO FEET FROM ADJACENT IMPERVIOUS SURFACES.

**COMPOST**

- 7) INCORPORATE COMPOST AT A RATE OF FOUR (4) CUBIC YARDS PER 1,000 SQUARE FEET INTO THE TOP SIX (6) INCHES OF SOIL OR COMPOST PER HORITICULTURAL SOIL REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS.

**MULCH**

- 8) APPLY ORGANIC MULCH TO A MINIMUM DEPTH OF THREE (3) INCHES ON ALL EXPOSED SOIL IN THE PLANTED AREA EXCEPT WHERE CONTRAINDICATED.



**SAMPLE PLANTING DETAIL**

NOT TO SCALE

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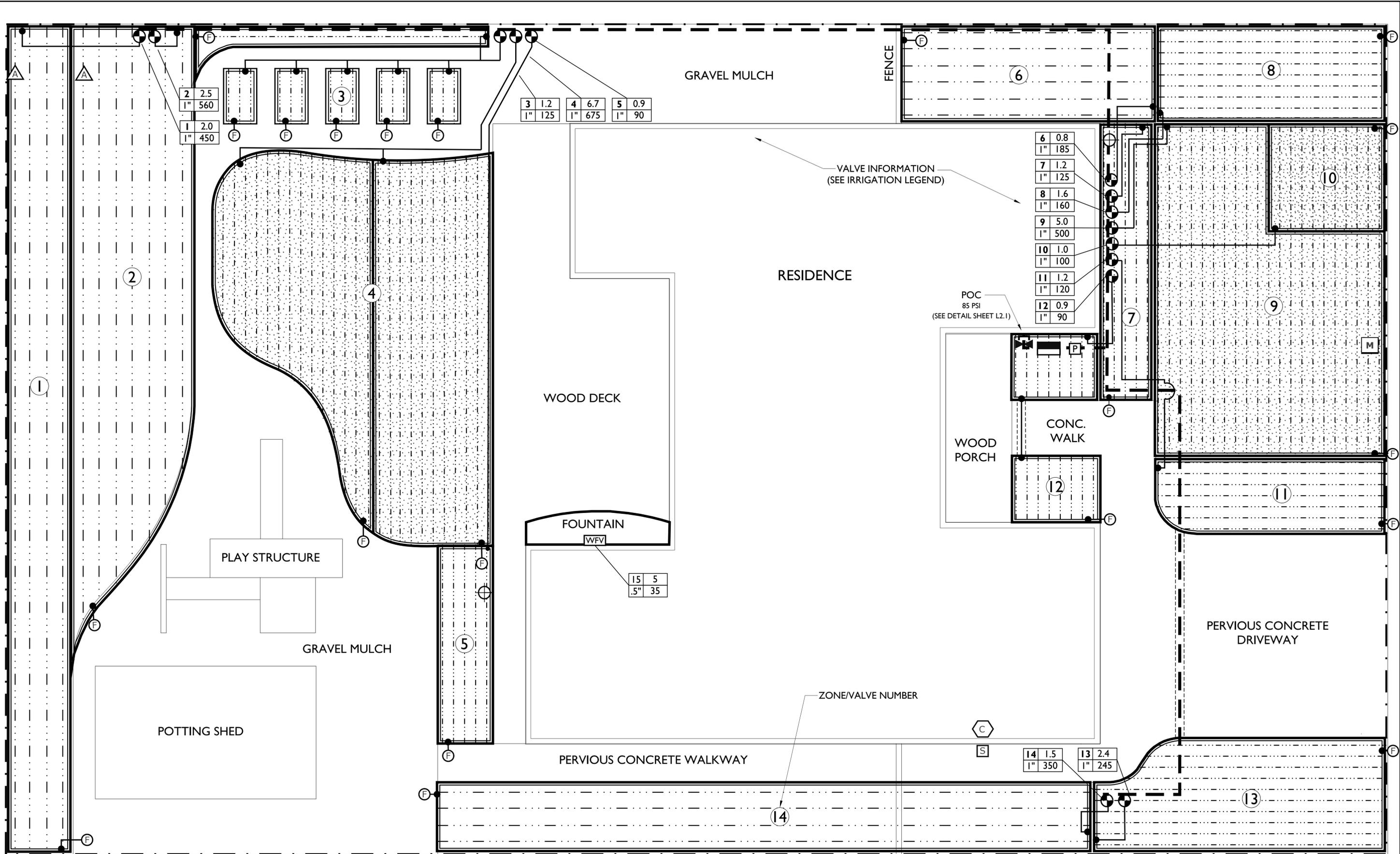
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IRRIGATION PLAN

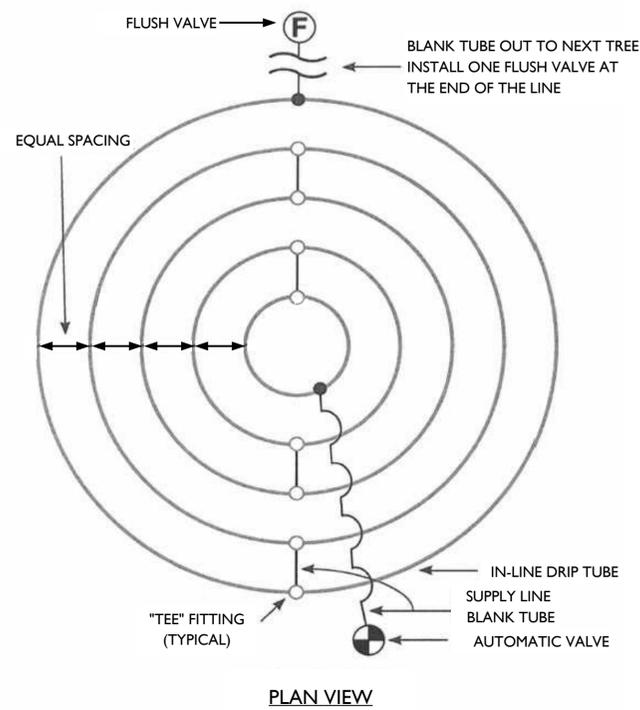
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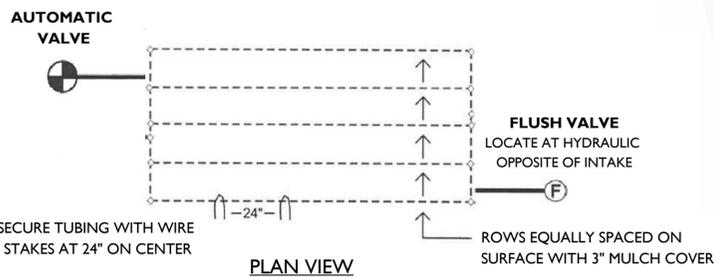
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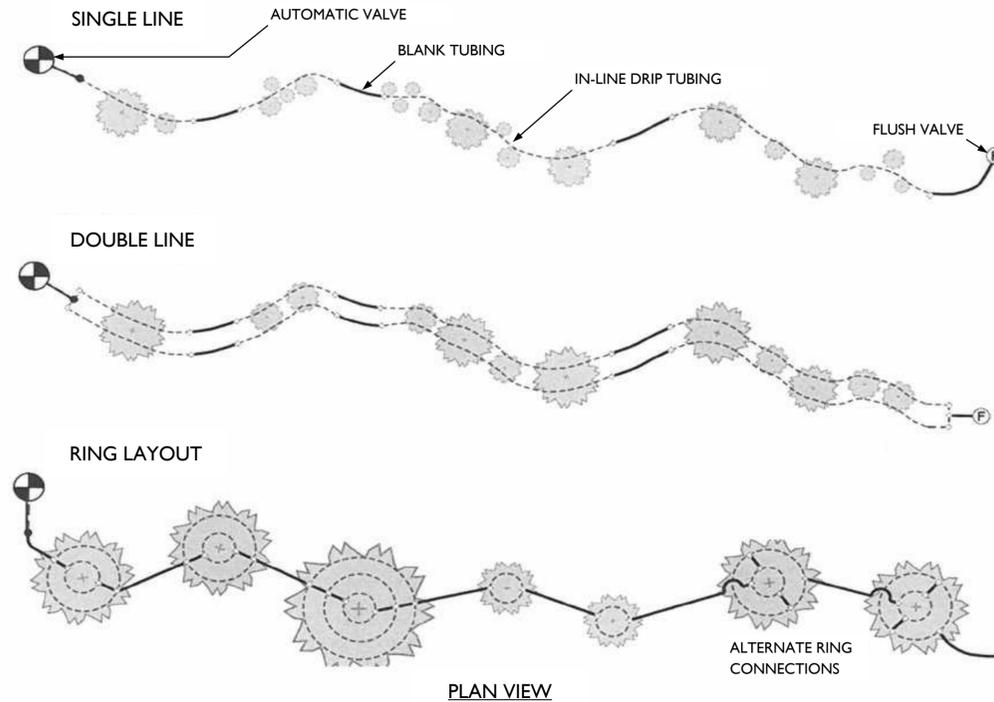
### SAMPLE DRIP IRRIGATION DETAILS



### IN-LINE DRIP RING LAYOUT



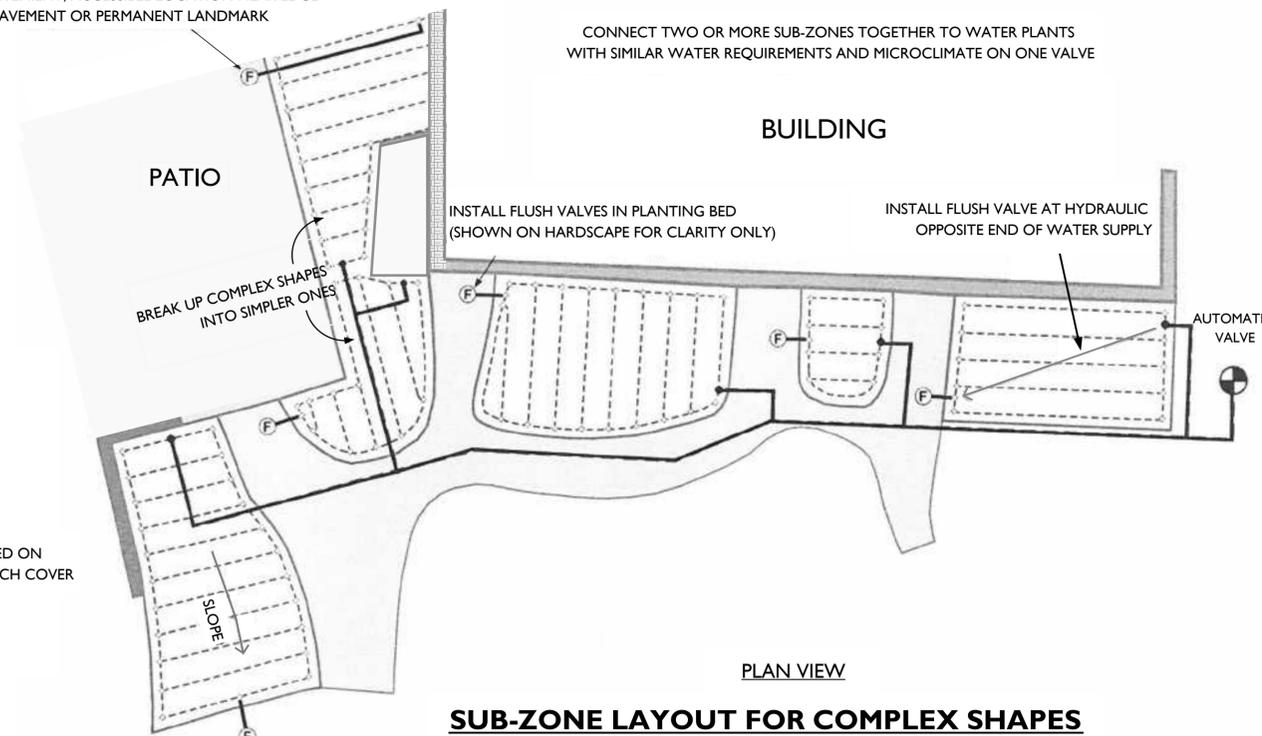
### IN-LINE DRIP TUBING ZONE LAYOUT



### IN-LINE DRIP SNAKE LAYOUTS

USE BLANK TUBING TO EXTEND FLUSH OUT TO CONVENIENT, ACCESSIBLE LOCATION NEAR EDGE OF PAVEMENT OR PERMANENT LANDMARK

CONNECT TWO OR MORE SUB-ZONES TOGETHER TO WATER PLANTS WITH SIMILAR WATER REQUIREMENTS AND MICROCLIMATE ON ONE VALVE

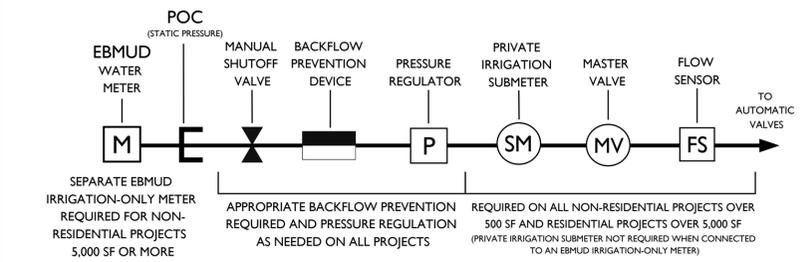


### SUB-ZONE LAYOUT FOR COMPLEX SHAPES

ALWAYS INSTALL TUBING PERPENDUCULAR TO SLOPE

### SAMPLE IRRIGATION LEGEND (MAKE AND MODEL OF EACH COMPONENT REQUIRED)

SYMBOL	COMPONENT MAKE, MODEL, TYPE, AND DESCRIPTION
	EBMUD INSTALLED METER
	WEATHER-BASED, AUTOMATIC IRRIGATION CONTROLLER
	RAIN (OR SOIL) SENSOR
	POINT OF CONNECTION AND STATIC PRESSURE
	MANUAL BALL (OR GATE) VALVE
	REDUCED PRESSURE BACKFLOW PREVENTION DEVICE (ANTI-SIPHON VALVES MAY BE SUBSTITUTED IF INSTALLED PROPERLY; DOUBLE CHECK VALVES ARE NOT ALLOWED)
	PRESSURE REGULATOR (IF CONDITIONS REQUIRE)
	AUTOMATIC VALVE
	VALVE/ZONE NUMBER FLOW RATE IN GALLONS PER MINUTE ZONE AREA IN SQUARE FEET VALVE SIZE
	MAIN LINE DIAMETER AND TYPE
	LATERAL LINE DIAMETER AND TYPE
	SLEEVE DIAMETER AND TYPE
	SURFACE 1/2" IN-LINE DRIP TUBING 0.6 GPH, 12" EMITTER SPACING, 12" ROW SPACING (MINIMUM SPACING RECOMMENDED FOR WELL DRAINED SOIL, RAISED BEDS AND STORMWATER TREATMENT FACILITIES)
	SUB-SURFACE 1/2" IN-LINE DRIP TUBING 0.6 GPH, 12" EMITTER SPACING, 12" ROW SPACING (MINIMUM SPACING RECOMMENDED FOR WELL DRAINED SOIL, RAISED BEDS AND STORMWATER TREATMENT FACILITIES)
	SURFACE 1/2" IN-LINE DRIP TUBING 0.6 GPH, 18" EMITTER SPACING, 18" ROW SPACING (MINIMUM SPACING RECOMMENDED FOR WELL DRAINED SOIL, RAISED BEDS AND STORMWATER TREATMENT FACILITIES)
	FLUSH VALVE AND POP-UP DRIP ZONE INDICATOR
	AIR VACUUM RELIEVE VALVE (IF CONDITIONS REQUIRE)
	WATER FEATURE VALVE TYPE (I.E. FLOAT VALVE) AND FLOW RATE
	HOSE BIB



### TYPICAL IRRIGATION POINT OF CONNECTION

SEPARATE EBMUD IRRIGATION-ONLY METER REQUIRED FOR NON-RESIDENTIAL PROJECTS 5,000 SF OR MORE

APPROPRIATE BACKFLOW PREVENTION REQUIRED AND PRESSURE REGULATION AS NEEDED ON ALL PROJECTS

REQUIRED ON ALL NON-RESIDENTIAL PROJECTS OVER 500 SF AND RESIDENTIAL PROJECTS OVER 5,000 SF (PRIVATE IRRIGATION SUBMETER NOT REQUIRED WHEN CONNECTED TO AN EBMUD IRRIGATION-ONLY METER)

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**SAMPLE WATER BUDGET WORKSHEET**  
 (REQUIRED FOR RESIDENTIAL LANDSCAPES OVER 2,500 SQUARE FEET AND NON RESIDENTIAL LANDSCAPES OVER 1,000 SQUARE FEET)

**EBMUD - Water Efficient Landscape Worksheet**

The purpose of this worksheet is to calculate a project's Estimated Total Water Use and Maximum Applied Water Allowance to determine its compliance with the Model Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance (MWELO). This worksheet is to be filled out by the project applicant and is a required element of the MWELO Landscape Documentation Package.

Property Address: 175 Gil Blas Rd., Danville, 94526  
 Reference Site (See MWELO Appendix A): Walnut Creek  
 Annual ETO (Reference Evapotranspiration Rate): 46.2 Inches  
 ETAF (ET Adjustment Factor) for Landscape Areas: 55.0 %  
 ETAF for Special Landscape Areas: 100%

**NOTES**

- 1) Eto is the reference evapotranspiration rate and represents the water needs of grass at a given location. It is an estimate of the inches of water lost due to evapotranspiration from a field of cool-season grass that is well watered. Eto values can be derived from MWELO Appendix A for locations across the State of California.
- 2) Use an evapotranspiration adjustment factor (ETAF) of 45% for new non-residential landscapes, 55% for new residential landscapes and 65% for schools. ETAF is a percentage of Eto and establishes the amount of water allowed per year for irrigation.
- 3) Use an ETAF of 100% for any special landscape areas which are those dedicated solely to edible plants, programmed recreational areas (e.g. public pools and sports fields), areas irrigated with non-potable water (e.g. recycled, grey and rain water) and stormwater treatment facilities that are required by permit (e.g. bio-retention basins, bio-swales, and flow-through planters).

ESTIMATED TOTAL WATER USE (ETWU) = (ETo) x (APF) x (Area) x (0.62) where 0.62 is the coefficient that converts inches to gallons per square foot						MAXIMUM APPLIED WATER ALLOWANCE (MAWA) MAWA represents the annual water budget for this landscape. It is the maximum amount of water allowed per year for irrigation
ZONE/ VALVE #	PLANTING DESCRIPTION Eg. Medium Trees, Groundcover, Water Feature, etc.	PLANT FACTOR (PF) Water requirements as a % of Eto	IRRIGATION EFFICIENCY (IE) Percent of applied water that reaches its target (e.g. root zone or water feature) by irrigation method	ADJUSTED PLANT FACTOR (APF) (PF/IE) = AIF Watering requirements adjusted for irrigation efficiency as a % of Eto	HYDROZONE AREA (AREA) Square Feet	
<b>Landscape Areas (LA)</b>						
1	Shrubs	30%	90%	33%	450	4241
4	Forbs	30%	90%	33%	675	6361
5	Trees	50%	90%	56%	90	1445
6	Shrubs	20%	90%	22%	185	1170
7	Shrubs	30%	90%	33%	125	1178
8	Shrubs	30%	90%	33%	160	1508
9	Grasses and Strap-leafed Plants	60%	90%	67%	500	9610
10	Trees	60%	90%	67%	100	1922
11	Shrubs	30%	90%	33%	120	1131
12	Trees	50%	90%	56%	90	1445
13	Shrubs	30%	90%	33%	245	2309
14	Shrubs	20%	90%	22%	350	2213
15	Water Feature	100%	100%	100%	35	1003
<b>Totals:</b>					<b>3125</b>	<b>35536</b>
<b>Special Landscape Areas (SLA)</b>						
2	Trees		100%	100%	560	16041
3	Forbs		100%	100%	125	3581
<b>Totals:</b>					<b>685</b>	<b>19622</b>
<b>Controller Controller A</b>						<b>ETWU Grand Total: 55158</b>
<b>MAWA for LA:</b>						<b>49213</b>
<b>SLA</b>						<b>SLA</b>
<b>(ETo)(ETAF)(Total Area)(0.62) = Annual gallons allowed</b>						<b>19621</b>
<b>MAWA for SLA:</b>						<b>MAWA Grand Total: 68834</b>

**PLANT FACTOR RANGES:**  
 0-10% = Very low; 10-30% = Low; 40-60% = Moderate; 70-100% = High. Water Requirements cited in this ordinance are derived from the publication <http://ucanr.edu/sites/WUCOLS/>.

**IRRIGATION METHODS AND EFFICIENCIES:**  
 Spray = 70%; Rotating nozzle = 75%; Bubblers = 80%;  
 Point-source drip = 85%; In-line drip = 90%; Water feature = 100%

**Pass: Yes**  
 ETWU shall not exceed MAWA

**SAMPLE BASE IRRIGATION SCHEDULE**

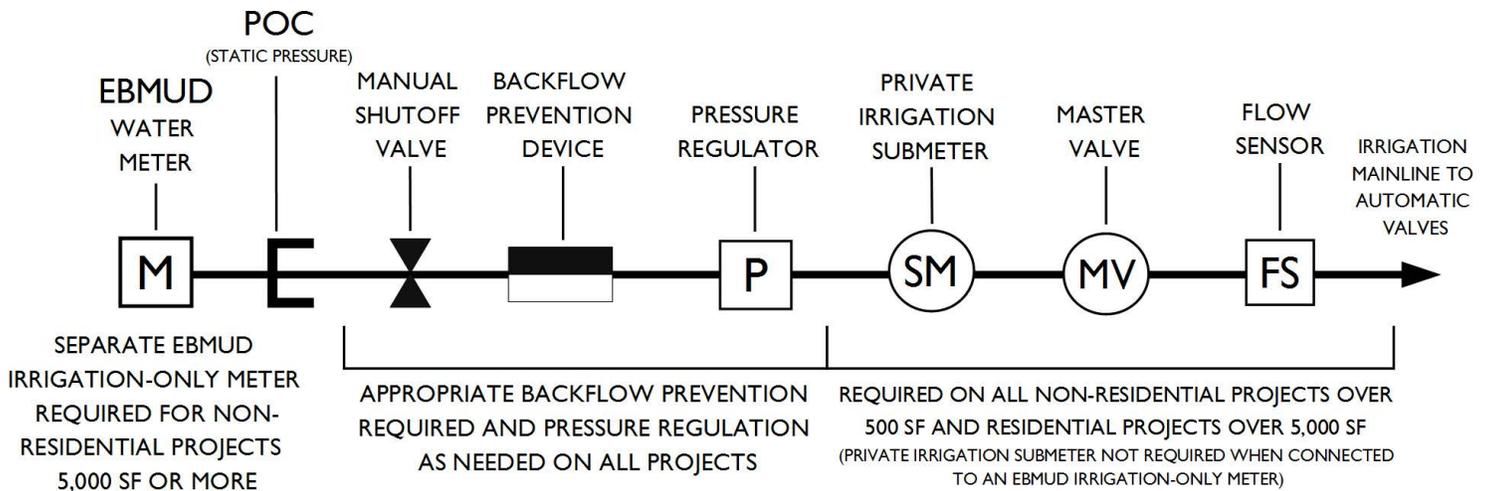
Monthly Irrigation Schedule for the Estimated Water Use Controller Controller A															
ZONE/ VALVE #	FLOW RATE Sum of all emitters in a zone in gallons per minute (GPM)	Monthly ETO Values:													
		Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total Annual	
<b>Landscape Areas</b>															
1	2.0	0.43	37	69	133	202	257	308	340	294	216	152	69	46	2121
4	6.7	0.961	16	31	60	90	115	138	152	131	97	68	31	21	949
5	0.9	0.968	28	52	101	153	195	233	257	222	163	115	52	35	1605
6	0.8	0.418	25	48	92	139	177	212	234	203	149	105	48	32	1464
7	1.2	0.929	17	32	62	94	119	142	157	136	100	70	32	21	982
8	1.6	0.968	16	31	59	90	114	137	151	130	96	67	31	20	942
9	5.0	0.968	33	62	121	183	233	279	308	266	195	137	62	42	1921
10	1.0	0.968	33	62	121	183	233	279	308	266	195	137	62	42	1921
11	1.2	0.968	16	31	59	90	114	137	151	130	96	67	31	20	942
12	0.9	0.968	28	52	101	153	195	233	257	222	163	115	52	35	1605
13	2.4	0.948	17	31	60	92	117	140	154	133	98	69	31	21	962
14	1.5	0.415	26	48	93	140	179	214	236	204	150	105	48	32	1475
15	5.0	13.825	3	7	13	19	24	29	32	28	20	14	7	4	201
<b>Special Landscape Areas</b>															
2	2.5	0.432	111	208	403	611	778	931	1028	889	653	458	208	139	6417
3	3.0	2.323	21	39	75	114	145	173	191	165	121	85	39	26	1193
<b>Monthly Budget for the Maximum Applied Water Allowance</b>															
<b>Landscape Areas</b>															
Inches applied per month															
Gallons per month															
Average gallons per day															
<b>Special Landscape Areas</b>															
Inches applied per month															
Gallons per month															
Average gallons per day															
<b>All Landscape Areas</b>															
Total Gallons per month															
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## Typical Irrigation Point of Connection

The diagram below illustrates the irrigation point of connection (POC) and typical sequencing of associated components required to meet EBMUD Section 31 water efficiency regulations and the Model Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance (MWELO). The POC is the point where the irrigation system connects to the water supply. For example, in a single family residential setting it is commonly located outside where a hose bib connects but it may also be located anywhere along the water line between the EBMUD water meter and the structure it is supplying.



## **TYPICAL IRRIGATION POINT OF CONNECTION**

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## Water Efficient Landscape Worksheet

The Water Efficient Landscape Worksheet is a required element of the Model Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance (MWELO) landscape documentation package. It must be filled out by the project applicant for landscape projects 2,500 square feet or larger in area. Its purpose is to establish a water budget by calculating a project's Estimated Total Water Use (ETWU) and its Maximum Applied Water Allowance (MAWA).

The ETWU is an estimate of the amount of water a landscape will use in a year based on the landscape design. The MAWA is the maximum amount of water allowed for the landscape in a year and represents the regulatory threshold under the ordinance. The ETWU may not exceed the MAWA.

The attached EBMUD Water Efficient Landscape Worksheet may be used to satisfy this requirement.

