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City of Redwood City Overview - Model Site Program

Purpose:

To demonstrate how to maintain an attractive landscape site within an appropriate water budget, by properly maintaining the existing irrigation system and plantings and applying weather based irrigation schedules.

The program will be used to encourage other landscape site managers to adopt the recommended water use efficiency maintenance and scheduling practices to reduce water waste. The City will be willing to work with a site if the property manager and landscape contractor is cooperative and agree to follow through with suggestions provided by the city.

City's Technical Support:

Redwood City will provide continuous technical support to a selected Model Site in order to bring their water use to within 10% of their water budget while maintaining an attractive and healthy landscape.

Model Site Managers/Contractor Responsibilities

A Model Site must be willing to meet their water budgets by effectively maintaining and managing their landscapes using the following strategies:

1. Provide accurately document existing site irrigation system(s) and landscaping.
 - Schematic maps: irrigation system map, landscaping map, POC, controllers, station list, type of sprinklers, plant material irrigated, base irrigation schedule.
2. Water Use Efficiency Survey
3. Frequent inspection of irrigation system.
 - Operation of each station with remote controller, document inspection and analysis of results.
 - Promptly perform needed repairs and adjustments
4. Update irrigation schedules in response to weather changes.
5. Read meters bi-weekly/monthly and compare with water budget.
6. Meet monthly with City staff to review results and provide direction.
 - Prioritize areas in need of improvement