



## CITY OF MEDFORD

# PLANNING DEPARTMENT

## Revised Scope-of-Work (Annotated) Water Wise Site Development Committee

February 2, 2011

### Committee Purpose

The overarching goal of the Water Wise Site Development Committee is to reduce water use and water waste through selective use of plant materials, efficient water irrigation systems and effective site design, while concurrently sustaining an attractive landscaped environment within the City of Medford. This goal is intended to be achieved through amending and/or creating new regulatory landscape provisions in the Medford Land Development Code (Chapter 10), promoting water conservation in the planning and installation of landscaping materials and irrigation systems, and through water conservation incentive programs.

### Committee Objectives

- 1) Recommended Land Development Code Landscaping Standards
  - Develop or amend regulatory standards which address the following types of development:
    - Commercial
    - Office
    - Industrial
    - Multiple-family residential
    - Commonly held open space within single-family residential or master planned developments.
  - Recommendations regarding the landscaping provisions of the Medford Land Development Code will address the following areas:
    - Plant materials
    - Hardscape materials
    - Soil amendments and preparation
    - Slopes
    - Vegetated ground coverage requirements (8/85 rule)
    - Waiver processes to provide design flexibility for unique circumstances
    - Irrigation system components and irrigation design, including:
      - Backflow prevention
      - Irrigation zones
      - Water pressure reduction
      - Uniform water application
      - Minimizing overspray.

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- 2) Develop non-regulatory landscape and irrigation design guidelines for single-family residential homes to promote water conservation.
- 3) Explore and analyze the cost/benefits of new incentive programs for water conservation.
- 4) Investigate water conservation concepts, such as demonstration gardens on City properties.

### \*\*\* Committee Members

The advisory committee is to be made up of stakeholders and representatives of reviewing agencies. The following members appointed by the City Council in December 2009 have affirmed their continuing participation on the Water Wise Site Development Committee.

- Mark Dew                      Site Plan & Architectural Commission Representative
- Pete Young                    Medford Parks Department staff
- Laura Hodnett                Medford Water Commission staff
- ~~Leigh Johnson~~              ~~Medford Water Commissioner~~
- John Galbraith                Landscape Architect
- Dave Searcy                  Irrigation Specialist
- Brian Westerhout            Builder/Developer Representative/Architect
- Desmond McGeough        Medford Planning Department staff
- Greg Mead                    Landscape Maintenance Contractor
- Bonnie Bayard                Sustainability Practices Specialist/ Landscape Designer
- Vaughn Jones                Landscape Contractor

*\*\*\* At the February 3, 2011 Noon Session City Council Meeting, with the exception of including a representative from the Medford Water Commission, Council reaffirmed the appointment of members selected in December of 2009.*

### Committee Meetings

The advisory committee will meet on the fourth Wednesday of every month for approximately twelve months. Planning staff will maintain the roster of advisory committee members and provide notices and materials for each meeting, including meeting minutes. The Committee may choose to elect a Chairperson. It is anticipated that draft code language and residential landscaping guidelines will be forwarded for initiation by the City Council and subsequent public hearings held before the Planning Commission and City Council within one year.