



**MEETING DATE:** December 12, 2022

**SUBJECT:** MWENDO

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## **BACKGROUND**

In 2015, the Santa Clara County Water Efficient New Development Task Force (“Task Force”) was formed to develop a Model Water Efficient New Development Ordinance to be adopted by jurisdictions in Santa Clara County to ensure that new developments are to be water efficient in order to extend the region’s water supplies. In September 2018, Santa Clara Valley Water District, on behalf of the Task Force, procured the technical assistance of a qualified sustainability consulting firm to finalize the Model Water Efficient New Development Ordinance, with input from Task Force representatives, the California Building Standards Commission, and the California Energy Commission.

## **STATUS UPDATE**

Staff met in November with the subcommittee, Valley Water, and their contractor, Green Evolution to get up to speed on MWENDO. City Staff also met internally with the Planning Department to review specific measures within the Ordinance and will meet with the Building Department in the next month.

Green Evolution is currently working on updating the Model Ordinance and will provide it to jurisdictions upon completion. Staff will review it and meet internally to discuss any critical changes.

Staff continues to conduct research on the measures and plans to meet with the Subcommittee again in December.