



MEETING DATE: February 13, 2023

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, the 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.

City Staff met in November 2022 with the EC subcommittee, Valley Water, and their contractor, Green Evolution, to get up to speed on MWENDO. City Staff also met internally with the Planning Division to review specific measures within the Ordinance.

STATUS UPDATE

Green Evolution is currently working on updating the Model Ordinance based on the recent California Building Standards Code cycle and will provide it to jurisdictions upon completion. Staff will review the updated ordinance and meet internally to discuss any critical changes. Staff will then move forward with additional research, meetings with the EC subcommittee and Planning and Building Divisions, and recommendations.