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**Subject:** Report of the Community Development Director

**Planning Commission Agenda Date:** Tuesday, December 8, 2015

### Water Efficiency Landscaping Ordinance (WELO):

As per Governor Brown's Drought Executive Order (EO B-29-15), the Department of Water Resources (DWR) updated the [State's Model Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance](#) (MWEL) which included revisions such as lowering the threshold size for landscapes subject to the ordinance from 2,500 sq. ft. to 500 sq. ft. and specifying other landscape and irrigation design standards to promote efficient landscaping. Local agencies have until December 1, 2015 to adopt a local ordinance or default to the State's MWEL; agencies that work together to develop a Regional Ordinance have until February 1, 2016 to adopt an updated ordinance. Although Santa Clara Valley Water District (SCVWD) does not intend to develop a Regional Ordinance this time around, the Bay Area Water Supply & Conservation Agency (BAWSCA) have opened up their regional ordinance efforts to agencies in Santa Clara County (including non-member cities like Cupertino) and distributed their draft in early December. Due to the reduced timeline available for development and adoption of a local ordinance, the City will default to the State's MWEL on December 1, 2015, review the draft distributed by BAWSCA, engage the community through public outreach, and present an updated ordinance for the City Council's consideration tentatively by March 2016.

### GPA Authorization Application Process:

As you may be are aware, the City Council adopted procedures for authorization of projects that propose General Plan Amendments in September 2015. The deadline for receipt of applications that propose General Plan Amendments for the City Council's consideration in the 2016 First Cycle was November 16, 2015. The City received two applications; one for the Oaks Shopping Center and one for the site where the Goodyear Tire Center is currently located. Plans and other information, available on the project website, are currently under review. It is anticipated that the two applications will be presented to the City Council on Tuesday, February 2, 2016 (tentatively) for their review and decision on authorization.

### Up Coming Dates:

From Thursday, December 24<sup>th</sup> though Friday January 1<sup>st</sup>, City Hall will be closed