



One Water & Stewardship Committee

Update on Conservation as a California Way of Life

Item 6b

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Subject

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Purpose

Provide update on final Making Conservation a California Way of Life Regulation

History of the Regulation Rule-making Process

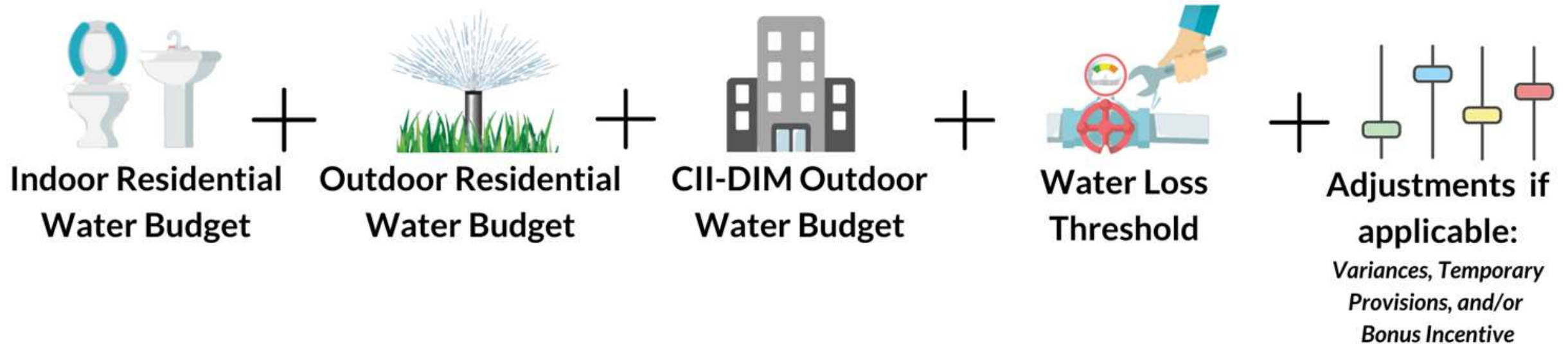
- 2018
 - SB606/AB1668 passed in 2018
- 2018-2022
 - DWR studies and working group meetings held
 - DWR recommendations to SWRCB submitted on September 29, 2022
- 2022-2024
 - SWRCB pre-rulemaking workshops and interested party working groups
 - Final regulation passed on July 3, 2024

Metropolitan Participation in Rulemaking Efforts

- Workgroup representation along with other member agency staff
 - DWR
 - SWRCB pre-rulemaking workshops
 - SWRCB interested parties working groups
- Participation and Collaboration with other industry partners
 - ACWA/CMUA
 - CUWA
 - CalWEP
 - WateReuse
- Submitted six comment letters on proposed regulation

Calculating the Urban Water Use Objective

Providers cannot exceed the SUM of the standards



*Agriculture and indoor CII not part of objective; indoor CII is covered by other BMP requirements.

Final Regulation Key Takeaways

- Outdoor standard adjustment to 0.55 LEF and 0.45 LEF changed from 2035 to 2040
- Inclusion of existing tree variance for RES and CII outdoor standard
- Alternative compliance pathway for DAC retailers facing a 20% or greater reduction in water use
- Inclusion of regional programs as qualifying performance measures and BMPs for CII standard compliance

Metropolitan Support and Next Steps

- Compliance support provided through:
 - Member Agency Administered Program
 - Regional Rebate Program
 - Water Savings Incentive Program
 - Turf Dashboard
- Next Steps
 - Metropolitan staff participation on DWR Indoor Residential End Use Studies Technical Advisory Panel
 - Monitoring of proposed SWRCB UWUO advisory groups
 - Continual review of grant funding opportunities to expand or develop new programs to meet regulation requirements

