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Sent: Thursday, October 08, 2009 3:41 PM
To: Taylor, Jane
Subject: FW: Question about DSA Green Building Express Terms

Hi Jane,
These items are in the CBSC code, too. Can you help me with these questions?
Thanks,
~Theresa

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Theresa,

I have two questions about the Express Terms of Proposed Building Standards of the Division of State Architect.

Question #1:

On page 50, A5.304.3 requires water efficient landscape irrigation design that reduces the use of potable water beyond the initial requirements for plant installation and establishment in accordance with Section A5.304.3.1 or A5.304.3.2.

I found A5.304.3.1 on that same page. Where is A5.304.3.2?

Question #2:

On page 50, A5.304.3 also says that calculations for the reduction shall be based on the water budget developed pursuant to section A5.304.1. The latter section, on the same page, says that a water budget shall be developed for landscape irrigation use that conforms to the local water efficient landscape ordinance or to the California Department of Water Resources Model Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance where no local ordinance is applicable.

What does this mean? Is it saying that the budget would be 50% of the budget in the Model Ordinance? If so, the result would be a landscape that had nothing but low-water use plants--unless recycled water or graywater were used. A landscape designed and constructed to meet such a budget would be very extreme, and that is

why I'm wondering if I understand this section correctly! Unless these facilities used and had access to nonpotable water, their landscapes would have nothing but low-water-use plants! § Perhaps you really mean 50% of reference evapotranspiration? That would result in a landscape that would be significantly more water efficient than a landscape governed by the new Model Ordinance Update, but it would at least have a shot at public acceptance.

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