

Commercial Turf Report - Airport Business Center Property Owners Association
Milestone Report for August 2009

Sonoma County Commercial Business Park Coalition held one meeting in the month of August. The Meeting was held on the 19th of August. The Agenda is as follows:

Time: 9:00 am - 11 am
Where: 414 Aviation Blvd.
Santa Rosa, CA

1. Introductions
2. Discuss Progress to date of Conservation of Turf Irrigation
3. Discuss meeting short term commitments (Due October 1) in the letter to the State Water Board. Commitments include the following menu options:
 - a) Retrofitting indoor fixtures (toilets, urinals, and faucet hardware);
 - b) Installation of SWAT tested smart irrigation controllers;
 - c) Conversion of overhead spray to drip irrigation, where appropriate;
 - d) Reduce turf grass in low traffic areas, including medians and narrow strips;
 - e) Ensure that landscapers attend the *Qualified Water Efficient Landscaper Training* program;
 - f) Develop a commercial business park education and outreach program;
 - g) Promote and encourage sheet mulching in low traffic areas;
 - h) Install match precipitation rate sprinklers so that spray patterns and radius deliver water evenly;
 - i) Add polymers to increase soil moisture water retention;
 - j) Ensure adequate pressure regulation at the irrigation water source; and
 - k) Develop a short-term method to monitor and report savings
4. Discuss how to quantify meeting the short term commitments
5. Development of a Committee to meet those commitments and work with the WAC on developing local programs consistent with these commitments.
 - a) Who should represent commercial turf owners?
 - b) How do these people get compensated for the representation?
6. Brief overview from the jurisdictions re: existing programs that augment Commitments
7. Conclusion

Attendees included:

Bill Cardoza, Carol Drysdale, Charlie Thompson, John Ossa, Dave Penry, Sheree Meehan, Paul Andronico, Michele Steinert, Philip Wasem, Renee Johnson, Sue Nelson, Lisa Stratton, Jennifer Sibley, Carolyn Wasem, Paul Piazza, Terry Stubbings

Green Plumbing Courses (Indoor Plumbing) - The County of Sonoma is proposing a retrofit rebate program for indoor fixtures. This program will include the area that encompasses the Airport Business Center Property Owners' Association. The Agency is commencing upon an effort to sign business within the Park up for this rebate program. The Water Agency will provide direction as to the indoor plumbers that qualify for installation. The Airport Business Center Property Owners' Association anticipates a campaign that encourages property owners to take advantage of this program.

Reporting Usage - The Airport Business Center Property Owners' Association submitted a report based upon the 2004 water numbers available. For the month of August 2009 the 1,000,000 + square feet of commercial landscaping achieved 46% reduction in water usage. These numbers were based on available 2004 usage.

QWEL Training Program - All landscape supervisors that service the Airport Business Center Property Owners' Association turf have complete the QWEL Training Program Courses.

Thank you.
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