



Resolution No.: 2022.03

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SUSTAINABLE LANDSCAPING RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the City of Moorpark is currently in a D3-Extreme Drought according to National Integrated Drought Information System as of October 2022¹;

WHEREAS, on May 24, 2022, the California State Water Board adopted the 2nd Emergency Regulation stating that commercial, industrial, and institutional decorative grass should not be watered with drinkable water (with limited exceptions)²;

WHEREAS, the Associated Students of Moorpark College Board of Directors (ASBOD) recognizes the importance of conserving water;

WHEREAS, 54% of the Associated Student Body members surveyed recognize that it is very important that the landscaping is managed in an environmentally friendly manner, while 38% of the Associated Student Body members surveyed recognize that it is somewhat important that the landscaping is managed in an environmentally friendly manner;

WHEREAS, the landscaping in the inner perimeter of the Moorpark College campus is predominantly grass lawns, which require more water, fertilizer, and pesticide than native plants³;

WHEREAS, 53% of the Associated Student Body members surveyed are strongly in favor of replacing campus lawns with drought-tolerant landscaping, while 37% of the Associated Student Body members surveyed are partially in favor of replacing campus lawns with drought-tolerant landscaping;

WHEREAS, the Moorpark College Facilities, Maintenance & Operations Department have made considerable efforts to reduce the water usage on campus;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the ASBOD calls upon Moorpark College to further progress towards sustainable landscaping regarding water usage;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the ASBOD calls upon Moorpark College administration to prioritize drought-tolerant alternatives for decorative or non-functional grass lawns;

THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED, the Associated Students Sustainability Committee will assist Moorpark College in all appropriate efforts towards sustainable landscaping by engaging with the student body and outreaching;

BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, the ASBOD will collaborate with various public educational institutions and non-profit environmental organizations where appropriate to further educate and implement sustainability initiatives for the Associated Student Body.

Citations:

1. <https://www.drought.gov/states/california/county/ventura>
2. https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/press_room/press_releases/2022/pr06142022-new-statewide-emergency-conservation-regulation-in-effect.pdf
3. https://www.fs.usda.gov/wildflowers/Native_Plant_Materials/Native_Gardening/

Date Adopted: November 7, 2022

Board Votes: 10-0-0; passed unanimously

Board Ayes:

Sage Tollefson, ASMC Vice President

Daniella Luczywek, ASMC Director of Academic Affairs

Abbey Austin-Wood, ASMC Director of Budget and Finance

Melissa Moore, ASMC Director of Campus Events

Synthia Mahmud, ASMC Director of Constitution and Standing Rules

Angela Batoon, ASMC Director of Public Relations

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Karina Arteaga, ASMC President