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Abbreviations and Acronyms

AB	Assembly Bill
BVOC	biogenic volatile organic compound
CAP	criteria air pollutant
CAPP	Community Air Protection Program
CARB	California Air Resources Board
CARL	Carl Moyer Program Clean Air Reporting Log
CCI	California Climate Investments
CCV	Comite Civico del Valle
CERP	Community Emissions Reduction Program
CNRA	California Natural Resources Agency
CSC	Community Steering Committee
DWR	Department of Water Resources
ETWU	estimated total water use
GHG	greenhouse gas
ICAPCD	Imperial County Air Pollution Control District
MAWA	maximum applied water allowance
MWELO	Model Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance
NO _x	oxides of nitrogen
PM	particulate matter
RFP	Request for Proposals
ROG	reactive organic gas
SLA	special landscape area
SMAQMD	Sacramento Metro Air Quality Management District
UCANR	University of California Agriculture and Natural Resources
USEPA	United States Environmental Protection Agency
WUCOLS	Water Use Classification of Landscape Species

1 Project Identification

1.1 Background

In 2019, the El Centro-Heber-Calexico Corridor AB 617 Community (“Corridor” or “Community”) developed a Community Emissions Reduction Program (CERP)¹ to address local air quality concerns as part of the state-wide Community Air Protection Program (CAPP). The CERP was a collaborative effort by the Imperial County Air Pollution Control District (ICAPCD), Comité Civico del Valle (CCV) and the Community Steering Committee (CSC). As part of CERP development, the Community was granted funding by the California legislature for the implementation of projects for reducing pollutant emissions or community exposure through mobile source, stationary source, and community-identified projects and strategies. Various strategies were identified during development of the CERP through Community engagement. These strategies were included in the final CERP that was approved by the California Air Resources Board (CARB) Board in January 2020. One of these key strategies was Strategy M-2, *Urban Greening Projects*.

This document serves as the “Project Plan” for the Urban Greening Projects strategy. It was drafted according to the guidelines laid out in the Community Air Protection Incentives 2019 Guidelines.² It describes the nature of the strategy, its history of support by the Community, requirements for entities desiring to participate and receive project funding, how these projects will benefit the community through improved air quality or exposure reduction, as well as other key aspects like project selection criteria and reporting requirements.

1.2 Project Description

Urban Greening projects use natural solutions to mitigate air quality impacts. Urban Greening may include planting trees or vegetative barriers in the community in order to reduce emissions and provide several key co-benefits. Under strategies I-2, *Urban Greening Incentive Program*, L-3, *Urban Greening Project Identification*, and M-2, *Urban Greening Projects*, the CERP proposes to identify areas where these projects could be implemented and fund Urban Greening projects throughout the Corridor.

¹ ICAPCD. 2019. *Imperial County Year 1 Community Emissions Reduction Program Plan for the El Centro-Heber-Calexico Corridor*. October. Available at: https://docs.wixstatic.com/ugd/99eb03_080a305618f5453cb0c69272eb622946.pdf. Accessed: October 2020.

² CARB. 2020. *Community Air Protection Incentives 2019 Guidelines*. October 14. Available at: https://ww2.arb.ca.gov/sites/default/files/2020-10/cap_incentives_2019_guidelines_final_rev_10_14_2020_0.pdf. Accessed: November 2020.

1.3 Benefits

The main benefit of Urban Greening projects is greenhouse gas (GHG) reductions. Urban Greening can also reduce exposure to certain criteria air pollutants (CAPs). Exposure to particulate matter (PM) and oxides of nitrogen (NOx) is expected to decrease as a result of Urban Greening. Additionally, some Urban Greening projects can help reduce water and electricity usage.

2 Community Support

2.1 Background – Community Steering Committee

In late 2018, ICAPCD in conjunction with CCV assembled a steering committee for the El Centro-Heber-Calexico Corridor. Referred to as the AB 617 Community Steering Committee (“CSC”), this body is involved with all aspects of the CERP and is tasked with maintaining communication with other community members throughout the planning process to gather input from concerned citizens and facilitate ongoing discussion. The CSC consists of 15 members made up of two ex-officio co-chairs (representing ICAPCD and CCV) and 13 Community representatives. Each member has an alternate who participates in meetings if a member is unable to.

In February 2019, the CSC’s charter was approved which described the manner in which the CSC would conduct their regular meetings, and the voting process for making decisions related to the CERP and its programs/projects. It describes this process as: “Each member of the Committee, including the two ex officio members, shall be entitled to one (1) vote. A vote of the majority of the members present with at least a quorum in attendance shall be required to take action, and/or make a recommendation, except for adjournment of a meeting which shall require only a majority of those present...”.³ During CERP development, the CSC met on a monthly basis to discuss key issues and progress. Following approval of the CERP by the CARB Board, the CSC has continued meeting every one-to-two months throughout 2020. The meeting schedule will continue as the CERP Project Plans are developed, and the CSC meetings will serve as the chief mechanism for informing the Community on development of the projects and key funding decisions. The CSC will determine the need for additional public outreach mechanisms, as necessary.

2.2 Community Support for Urban Greening

Community engagement was a critical part of the CERP development. This involved regular meetings of the CSC, as described in **Section 2.1**, which sometimes included polls to gauge the opinions of CSC members and the public in attendance on a variety of topics. At one CSC meeting in 2019,⁴ a survey was conducted to gain feedback on various emission/exposure reduction strategies for inclusion in the CERP. The results of this survey indicated that approximately 70% of Steering Committee members were in favor of implementing Urban Greening projects in the Corridor. Additionally, approximately 64% of public attendees were also supportive of the strategy. Given this relatively strong support, Strategy M-2 – *Urban Greening Projects* was included in the CERP and selected for development of this Project Plan. On September 25, 2020, an additional survey was circulated to CSC members and their alternates to gain feedback on various details of this plan. The results from that survey have informed the development of this draft of the document.

On January 8, 2025, the El Centro-Heber-Calexico Corridor CSC voted to include Seeley in the final Urban Greening RFP based on Measure L-4 – *Collaboration* regarding implementing emission reduction measures west of the Corridor.

³ ICAPCD. 2019. *Imperial County Year 1 Community Emissions Reduction Program Plan for the El Centro-Heber-Calexico Corridor, Appendix B: AB 617 Community Steering Committee Charter*. October. Available at: https://docs.wixstatic.com/ugd/99eb03_080a305618f5453cb0c69272eb622946.pdf. Accessed: October 2020

⁴ July 24, 2019 meeting of the El Centro-Heber-Calexico AB617 Community Steering Committee.

On April 20, 2026, the North-Imperial Phase 1 Community (CSC) of Brawley-Westmorland-Calipatria voted to expand the South End Corridor's Urban Greening Program Project Plan to include the North-Imperial Phase 1 Community.

Calexico Corridor, Appendix B: AB 617 Community Steering Committee Charter. October. Available at: https://docs.wixstatic.com/ugd/99eb03_080a305618f5453cb0c69272eb622946.pdf. Accessed: October 2020

⁴ July 24, 2019 meeting of the El Centro-Heber-Calexico AB617 Community Steering Committee.

3 Participant Requirements and Application Process

3.1 Participant Eligibility

Urban Greening grants may be awarded to a city, county, special district, non-profit, tribal government, or public agency or entity for projects to be implemented within the Corridor. Applicants must commit to the following criteria in order for projects to be considered for funding grants:

- Applicant must be the owner of the potential Urban Greening project area or have authority to construct and maintain the project on the property.
- Applicant must maintain the green space during the entire contract period, 10 years. This includes tree maintenance, up to and including removal and replacement of dead trees.
- Applicant must make the project available for inspection if requested by ICAPCD and/or CARB staff during the entire contract period, 10 years.
- Applicant is responsible for contacting the Imperial County Agricultural Commissioner's Office before obtaining any plant material originating from outside Imperial County to ensure all the requirements for movement of plant material into Imperial County are met. See **Section 10** for contact information.
- Applicant is responsible for ensuring that trees are purchased, planted, and maintained to the specifications provided in Appendix H of CAL FIRE's Urban and Community Forestry Grant Guidelines.⁵
- Where feasible, projects shall provide public access.
- All property taxes must be current at the time of application.
- Recipient is responsible for obtaining any permits required.
- The applicant or their sponsor must have financial capacity to complete, operate, and maintain the project.
- Any funds required from other sources must reasonably be expected to be available in the time frame needed to carry out the project.

Applicants are also encouraged to incorporate anti-displacement measures in their urban greening projects, where applicable. Routine maintenance and rehabilitation projects are not eligible for funding. A list of helpful resources for project applicants can be found in **Section 10**.

3.2 Application Process

Entities will submit applications that include the required information as described in this Project Plan. Once ICAPCD has collected applications from interested entities, the review process will

⁵ Appendix H, CAL FIRE Urban and Community Forestry Grant Guidelines. Available: https://www.fire.ca.gov/media/9653/cal-fire-ucf-cci-2019-20_grant-guidelines_final.pdf#page=54. Accessed: January 2021.

begin. This may involve ICAPCD requesting additional information from applicants or visiting potential project sites. When the application review process is complete, ICAPCD will inform applicants if they have been selected and provide details on the project award amount and next steps.

3.2.1 Application Requirements

The following is a sample of the information that must be included on applications submitted:

- Project summary, including current site conditions and extent of public access for the proposed project
- Site plan
- Photographs of project site reflecting current conditions
- Cost estimate
- Expected emissions reductions and co-benefit quantification, using methodology as described in **Section 4.2**
- Species of plants or trees to be planted, and environmental benefits of the selected species, e.g., if the species is native or drought-resistant. Plant species selected shall maximize greenhouse gas reductions and minimize emissions of biogenic volatile organic compounds (BVOC) and allergenic pollen, where possible.
- Area of green space to be created or enhanced
- Type of irrigation systems included in the project
- Anticipated timing for the completion of preliminary design, environmental documentation, permitting, and long-term operation and maintenance commitments
- Assessor's parcel map
- Legal owners of each parcel within the project footprint
- Identification of project's fiscal sponsor, if applicable
- A commitment to provide annual status updates in the form of a photo update or a tree condition report to demonstrate that project maintenance is occurring throughout the contract period.
- A commitment to provide photo documentation of the completed project (if grant is awarded)

Additional information required can be found in **Appendix A: Project Application Form**.

3.2.2 Application Submittal

Applications must be submitted to the ICAPCD during the Request for Proposals (RFP) period. To initiate the RFP period, ICACPD will issue a public notification to advertise the availability of grant funds for this project type, provide instructions to access and submit the application, and include a due date by which applications must be submitted. Once the RFP period has ended,

ICAPCD will review the applications received and contact applicants as necessary to gather additional information. ICAPCD will aim to respond to prospective applicants within 60 days following the end of the RFP period to alert them if their projects have been selected to receive funding. However, this timeline may be extended at the discretion of ICAPCD (e.g., to reach consensus from the CSC).

4 Emissions Reductions and Quantification Methodology

4.1 Regulatory Compliance

It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure that all work performed on Urban Greening projects shall be in conformance with the California Environmental Quality Act and all other applicable statutes, rules, and regulations. In addition, Urban Greening projects must obtain permits as required by local, regional, state, or federal agencies before approval.

4.2 Emission Reductions

Various California state and institutional bodies have developed tools to help estimate the GHG reductions and co-benefits associated with Urban Greening projects. Except where noted, the methodology and referenced tools below are consistent with the Quantification Methodology developed for the California Natural Resources Agency (CNRA) Urban Greening Grant Program under the California Climate Investments Program.⁶

All Urban Greening calculations can be performed in a workbook that has been developed by CARB for the CNRA.⁷ Project applicants need to fill out data within two tabs in this workbook in order to quantify emission reductions and co-benefits. While the project contract period is 10 years, this methodology calculates the benefits over a 40-year period. Applicants must fill out tabs "Project Info," and "Tree Planting – ITP." The tab "Tree Planting – ITS" should not be filled out (the "Tree Planting – ITS" tab is designed as an alternative input tab for use with alternative software that is no longer supported). Tab "New Bike-Ped Infrastructure" should not be completed, as new bicycle/pedestrian infrastructure was not identified as a requirement under Measure M-2 of the CERP.

In order to fill out all the information as prompted in the spreadsheet, project applicants will also need to use three external tools, as follows:

1. University of California Agriculture and Natural Resources (UCANR) Water Use Classification of Landscape Species (WUCOLS IV) tool⁸
2. California Department of Water Resources (DWR) Water Budget Workbook⁹
3. i-Tree Planting Tool¹⁰

A guide detailing how to use each of these tools can be found in **Appendix B**.

⁶ CCI Quantification, Benefits, and Reporting Materials. Available at: <https://ww2.arb.ca.gov/resources/documents/cci-quantification-benefits-and-reporting-materials?corr>. Accessed: October 2020.

⁷ CARB Urban Greening Calculator Tool (Version 3). Available at: <https://ww2.arb.ca.gov/resources/documents/cci-quantification-benefits-and-reporting-materials?corr>. Accessed: October 2020.

⁸ WUCOLS IV Database. Available at <https://ucanr.edu/sites/WUCOLS/>. Accessed: October 2020.

⁹ DWR Water Budget Workbook. Available at: <https://cadwr.app.box.com/s/5k39tv10u42rp5bn2uebd7fodkxzgve7>. Accessed: October 2020.

¹⁰ i-Tree Planting Calculator v2.1.2. Available at: <https://planting.itreetools.org/>. Accessed: October 2020.

5 Relative Exposure Reduction

5.1 Mechanism of Exposure Reduction

Urban Greening will result in a reduction in CAP exposure as described in **Section 1.3**. The main mechanisms of exposure reduction are via deposition and adsorption to plant leaves and needles, dispersion through vertical forcing and slowing of airflow, as well as absorption through the plant leaves via the stomata. Exposure to PM, NO_x, and ozone, which is formed via chemical reactions between NO_x and ROG, can cause a variety of human health problems, particularly to the lungs and respiratory tract.^{11,12,13}

Sensitive receptors, such as people with pre-existing conditions, children, and older adults are most susceptible to CAP exposure.

5.2 Estimates of Exposure Reduction

Exposure reduction will be estimated for each project based on the number of sensitive receptors within 1,000 feet of the Urban Greening project site.

¹¹ Particulate Matter (PM) Basics. Available at: <https://www.epa.gov/pm-pollution/particulate-matter-pm-basics#effects>. Accessed: October 2020.

¹² Basic Information about NO₂. Available at: <https://www.epa.gov/no2-pollution/basic-information-about-no2#Effects>. Accessed: October 2020.

¹³ Health Effects of Ozone Pollution. Available at: <https://www.epa.gov/ground-level-ozone-pollution/health-effects-ozone-pollution>. Accessed: October 2020.

6 Qualitative Benefits

In addition to reducing GHG emissions and exposure to CAPs, Urban Greening projects will qualitatively benefit the surrounding communities. Urban Greening projects can provide shade to sidewalks and streets, which can encourage active transportation by making it more comfortable to walk or bike in those areas. This can improve the health and well-being of the community. Similarly, Urban Greening projects can shade buildings and reduce energy consumption by lessening the load on air conditioning systems. When native and/or drought-resistant vegetation is planted and maintained using water efficient irrigation methods, Urban Greening projects can reduce water usage. In addition, planting more trees in certain areas, such as near freeways, may also help reduce noise pollution.

7 Key Project Parameters

7.1 Funding Amount and Eligible Costs

Applicants who are awarded funding are required to solicit and select project materials and suppliers through a competitive bidding process. A minimum of two competitive bids must be obtained before a supplier is selected, and the selection must be approved by ICAPCD. It is the role of ICAPCD to ensure that all costs are reasonable and applicable.

The following costs are eligible for funding as part of this CERP strategy:

- Supplies and materials
- Labor and construction
- Contracted services
- Signs and interpretative aids communicating information about the project

Additionally, up to 25% of the grant request may be budgeted for non-construction costs, including but not limited to design, permitting, outreach, direct project administration and management. Another 10% may be budgeted for contingency costs. The grant amount will cover 100% of eligible costs.

The following costs are ineligible to receive funding as part of this CERP strategy:

- Overhead (i.e., rent, utilities, office equipment/supplies)
- Ongoing project maintenance

As described in the CERP, at least \$200,000 is available for Urban Greening projects between 2020-2024. Projects eligible for this funding must be located within the Corridor and meet the eligibility requirements described in **Section 3** of this Project Plan. However, certain projects may be prioritized based on the criteria described in **Section 8** of this Project Plan.

Payments will be made on a reimbursement basis. The Grantee pays for services, products, and supplies, submits invoices and proof of payment, and is then reimbursed. If the applicant is unable to carry the financial responsibility of a reimbursement program on their own, they may partner with a local public agency or 501(c)(3) non-profit.

7.2 Project Life

Entities that receive grants to fund applicable projects are expected to maintain their green spaces for a minimum of 10 years. During this time entities must maintain the green spaces and comply with other requirements described in **Section 3.1** of this Project Plan. Additionally, entities must make the project available for inspection if requested by ICAPCD and/or CARB staff during this same contract period.

8 Project Selection

8.1 Selection Criteria

Applications received by the ICAPCD will be reviewed by and distributed to ICAPCD staff, CCV, and the CSC. Projects will be scored by ICAPCD staff in accordance with the criteria described below. These scores are meant to inform the decision-making process but will not be the determining factor for project selection. Several of these criteria were based off the California Climate Investments (CCI) Urban Greening Guidelines.¹⁴ Additional selection criteria were informed by CSC input through a polling process in which CSC members completed surveys to indicate which characteristics of the Urban Greening project applications are most important for consideration.

Scoring Criteria	Points Available
❖ Cost-Effectiveness ➤ \$/ton GHG reduced ➤ Other funding available to reduce cost	0-50
❖ Exposure Benefits ➤ Proximity to sensitive populations ➤ Siting near buildings to reduce energy costs ➤ Siting on sidewalks to shade well-travelled areas	0-30
❖ Co-Benefits ➤ CAP emission reductions ➤ Water and energy savings	0-15
❖ Project Readiness ➤ Timeliness of project implementation ➤ Availability of external funding	0-5
TOTAL	0-100

¹⁴ Urban Greening Program Final Guidelines. Available at: <https://resources.ca.gov/grants/urban-greening/>. Accessed: October 2020.

9 Reporting Requirements

All projects that receive funding under this program must comply with the requirements described in Section H of the CAP Incentives 2019 Guidelines.¹⁵ This will involve the preparation of Mid-Cycle and Yearly reports, which ICAPCD will prepare based on information collected from project participants. Some of the information to be included in these reports is described below:

- CAP Incentives reporting requirements for Mid-Cycle Reports:
 - Report the required project information in the CARL (Carl Moyer Program Clean Air Reporting Log) Database
 - Report program-level information in the CAP Incentives Supplemental Document for CERP projects funded with CAP incentives
- CAP Incentives reporting requirements for Yearly Reports:
 - Report the required project information in the CARL Database
 - Report program-level information in the CAP Incentives Supplemental Document for CERP projects funded with CAP incentives
 - Output generated by the Required Reports utility of CARL Database
 - Contract execution and liquidation status for each grant year of CAP incentives
 - A list of any projects identified as nonperforming and a brief narrative of any related enforcement actions

Participants must ensure that project-related information is complete, correct, supported by documentation, and supplied to the ICAPCD upon request for the preparation of reports. Meanwhile, the ICAPCD must acknowledge that the most up-to-date reporting requirements have been received and incorporated, and commit to maintaining documents in support of the reports at the ICAPCD office. Finally, this documentation must be made available to CARB staff upon request.

The above is not an exhaustive list of reporting requirements for participants in this program. Participants should refer to the CAP Incentives 2019 Guidelines for a complete list.

¹⁵ CARB. 2020. *Community Air Protection Incentives 2019 Guidelines*. October 14. Available at: https://ww2.arb.ca.gov/sites/default/files/2020-10/cap_incentives_2019_guidelines_final_rev_10_14_2020_0.pdf. Accessed: November 2020.

10 Helpful Resources

Applicants are encouraged to review the following resources as they prepare their proposals and reach out to the contacts provided with questions, as appropriate.

Plant Selection Resources

- SelecTree: A Tree Selection Guide
 - <https://selecttree.calpoly.edu/>
- Allergy-Free Gardening Considerations for Asthmatic and Sensitive Residents
 - <http://www.allergyfree-gardening.com/>
- California Native Plant Society Calscape Tool
 - <https://www.calscape.org/>
- SMAQMD Landscaping Guidance
 - <http://www.airquality.org/LandUseTransportation/Documents/LandscapingGuidanceforImprovingAirQualityNearRoadwaysMay2020V2.pdf#page=21>

Anti-Displacement Resources

- Greening without Gentrification Guide
 - <https://www.ioes.ucla.edu/wp-content/uploads/Parks-Related-Anti-Displacement-Strategies-report-with-appendix.pdf>

Additional Guidelines

- CAL FIRE Standards and Specifications for Purchasing, Planting, and Maintaining Trees, Appendix H
 - https://www.fire.ca.gov/media/9653/cal-fire-ucf-cci-2019-20_grant-guidelines_final.pdf#page=54
- SMAQMD Vegetative Barrier Recommendations:
 - <http://www.airquality.org/LandUseTransportation/Documents/LandscapingGuidanceforImprovingAirQualityNearRoadwaysMay2020V2.pdf#page=15>
- USEPA Recommendations for Constructing Roadside Vegetation Barriers
 - https://cfpub.epa.gov/si/si_public_record_report.cfm?Lab=NRMRL&dirEntryId=321772&simpleSearch=1&searchAll=Recommendations+for+constructing+roadside+vegetation+barriers+to+improve+near+road+air+quality

Local Contacts

- Lynnette Short, Imperial County Regional Urban Forester
 - Lynnette.Short@fire.ca.gov, (619) 937-1410
- Carlos Ortiz, Imperial County Agricultural Commissioner
 - agcom@co.imperial.ca.us, (442) 265-1500

**APPENDIX A
PROJECT APPLICATION FORM**

Application for Proposals: Urban Greening Projects

**Imperial County Community Emissions Reduction Program (CERP) for the
El Centro-Heber-Calexico Corridor
and
North Imperial Phase 1**



The Imperial Community Emissions Reduction Program (CERP) for the El Centro-Heber-Calexico Corridor and associated emission and exposure reduction projects are part of California Climate Investments, a statewide initiative that puts billions of Cap-and-Trade dollars to work reducing greenhouse gas emissions, strengthening the economy, and improving public health and the environment — particularly in disadvantaged communities.

Urban Greening Project Proposal Application

Date	_____
Project	_____ Please give your project a brief title
Beneficiary	_____ Who benefits from this project? (ex. City of El Centro)

Project Oversight Information

Name	_____
Agency	_____
Company	_____
Title	_____
Address	_____
City	_____
State	_____
Zip Code	_____

Applicant Contact Information

Applicant Name	_____
Applicant Telephone	_____
Applicant E-mail	_____
Applicant Address	_____

Project Summary

Please use this section to briefly describe your project. Indicate in this section how your project will meet environmental goals or have an environmental benefit.

[illegible]

Scope of Work

Identify the proposed project location and describe the current site conditions. Please note the extent of public access to the proposed project site

i.e., Provide address or cross-streets, and describe surrounding area. Also note legal owners of each parcel within the project footprint. Please attach photographs of the project site and a representation of the project plan area (i.e., site plan). For projects with vegetative barriers, please include planned barrier height and thickness.

Describe the proposed greenery

Please include the quantity of each species of plant or tree to be planted. Please also note environmental benefits of the selected species (e.g., if the species is native or drought-resistant), if possible.

Area of green space to be created or enhanced (acres or square footage) _____

Describe the proposed irrigation systems

Please note the type of irrigation systems (e.g., drip, overhead spray)

Scope of Work, Continued

Describe any possible project limits such as parking, hours of operation, available staffing, user fees, seasonal restrictions, or other ecological considerations.

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Provide a list of sensitive receptors (i.e., schools, daycares, residences) within 1,000 feet of the project

Name of Location	Distance from Project

Provide an estimated timeline for project implementation, assuming the project is notified of grant approval within 60 days of submittal of this application.

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Please include preliminary design, environmental documentation, permitting, and long-term operation and maintenance commitments as steps in this timeline.

Date	Action

Describe the measures that will be utilized to assure completion of the project within the indicated time

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Identify the key individuals responsible for project implementation and their roles.

Name	Title/Position	Project Role

Project Funding

Describe the estimated costs of the project:

Supplies and Materials _____

Labor and Construction _____

Contracted Services _____

Signs and Interpretive Aids Communicating Information about the Project _____

Total Eligible Project Cost _____

Additional:

Non-Construction Costs (Up to 25%) _____

Contingency Costs (Up to 10%) _____

What is the requested funding amount for total eligible project costs, non-construction costs and contingency cost?

How much additional funding has been secured for this project?

Amount: _____ Source: _____

Emissions Reductions

Please attach a completed version of the California Natural Resources Agency (CNRA) Draft Urban Greening Benefits Calculator Tool to this application.

Project Commitment

The applicant commits to the following requirements:

- ☐ Applicant is the owner of the Urban Greening project area, or has authority to construct and maintain the project on the property
- ☐ Applicant will maintain the green space during the entire contract period, 10 years
- ☐ Applicant will make the project available for inspection if requested by ICAPCD and/or CARB staff during the entire contract period, 10 years
- ☐ Applicant will contact the Imperial County Agricultural Commissioner's Office before obtaining any plant material originating from outside Imperial County
- ☐ Applicant will ensure that trees are purchased, planted, and maintained to the specifications provided in Appendix H of CAL FIRE's Urban and Community Forestry Grant Guidelines.¹
- ☐ Where feasible, projects shall provide public access
- ☐ All property taxes are current as of the time of this application
- ☐ Applicant will obtain any permits required to do the project
- ☐ Applicant or their sponsor has financial capacity to complete, operate, and maintain the project
- ☐ Any funds required from other sources will be available on the time frame needed to carry out the project
- ☐ Photo documentation will be provided project upon completion
- ☐ Photo documentation or tree condition report will be provided annually to demonstrate ongoing project maintenance
- ☐ Plant species selected maximize greenhouse gas reductions and minimize emissions of biogenic volatile organic compounds (BVOC) and allergenic pollen, where possible
- ☐ Projects incorporate recommendations in the anti-displacement resources provided, as applicable

Date _____

Signature _____

¹ Appendix H, CAL FIRE Urban and Community Forestry Grant Guidelines. Available: https://www.fire.ca.gov/media/9653/cal-fire-ucf-cci-2019-20_grant-guidelines_final.pdf#page=54. Accessed: January 2021.

CAP PROPOSED URBAN GREENING PROJECT APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS CHECKLIST

<u>Complete</u> Mark an "X"	<u>Requirements</u>
	Completely filled application
	Sign and date CARB Regulatory Compliance Statement and submit with application
	Sign and date Disclosure Statement and submit with application
	Grant amount requested with signature
	Itemized quote to support: 1) Supplies and Materials 2) Labor and Construction 3) Contracted Services 4) Signs & Interpretive Aids Communicating Information about the Project 5) Non-Construction Cost 6) Contingency Cost
	Aerial Map of proposed location
	Site Plan of proposed project
	Photograph of project site reflecting current conditions
	Proof of legal ownership/lease of each parcel within the project footprint
	Expected emission reduction and qualitative benefit quantification 1. University of California Agriculture and Natural Resources (UCANR) Water Use Classification of Landscape Species(WUCOLS IV) tool 2. California Department of Water Resources (DWR) Water Budget Workbook 3. i-Tree Planting Tool
	Identification of projects's fiscal sponser, if applicable



COMMUNITY AIR PROTECTION INCENTIVES REGULATORY COMPLIANCE STATEMENT

As an applicant/participant of the Community Air Protection Incentives, I declare:

I am in compliance with, and will remain in compliance with, and do not have any outstanding/unresolved/unpaid Notices of Violations (NOV) or citations for any federal, state, or local air quality regulation including, but not limited to, the following:

- Cargo Handling Equipment Regulation
- Commercial Harbor Craft Regulation
- Drayage Truck Regulation (including dray-off trucks)
- In-Use Off-Road Diesel Vehicle Regulation
- Marine Shore Power Regulation
- Off-Road Large Spark Ignition Fleet Regulation
- Portable Diesel Airborne Toxic Control Measure
- Public Agency and Utility Rule
- Sleeper Berth Truck Idling Regulation
- Solid Waste Collection Vehicle Regulation
- Statewide Truck and Bus Regulation
- Stationary Engine Airborne Toxic Control Measure
- Transit Fleet Rule

I certify under penalty of perjury that the information provided is accurate.

Authorized Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

1. Authorized Representative's Name:		
2. Authorized Representative's Title:		
3. Legal Owner Name:		
4. Company Name:		
5. Street Address:		
6. City:	7. State:	8. Zip code:
9. Phone:	10. Email:	

CALIFORNIA AIR RESOURCES BOARD COMMUNITY AIR PROTECTION INCENTIVES DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Have you applied for or been awarded other grants for the listed in this application?	
☐ Yes, complete section below ☐ No, skip the remaining items in this table and sign below	
Agency Applied to:	
Date of Application:	
Funding Amount:	
Project Included In This Request (list project location):	
Status of Application:	
☐ Cancelled ☐ Pending ☐ Funded ☐ Other, explain:	

(photocopy this page when blank to complete if this project is included in separate funding/grant requests)

By signing below, the Applicant hereby certifies the following:

- (1) Applicant has disclosed to the Grantor/District any and all other grant or funding applications it has directly or indirectly submitted to any other air pollution control districts or air quality management districts for the same specific project.
- (2) Applicant agrees not to submit other Community Air Protection Incentives applications or sign other contracts or Grant Agreements for the same specific project with any other source of funds, including but not limited to, other state or local air pollution control district or the California Air Resources Board for a multi-district solicitation. Applicant further agrees and understands that this Grant Agreement shall, at a minimum, be immediately terminated and may result in the Applicant being banned from submitting future applications to any and all Community Air Protection Incentives administering air pollution control district or air quality management district if it is discovered that the Applicant has submitted multiple applications or signed multiple contracts or grant agreements, not previously disclosed, for the same project as set forth in this Grant Agreement.
- (3) **Applicant has disclosed the value of any current financial incentive that directly reduces the project price, including tax credits or deductions, grants, or other public financial assistance, for the same project and certifies that the funding requested in the Grant Agreement has been reduced by the amount of this financial incentive.**
- (4) Applicant understands that if it is found to be in violation of the terms and conditions of this Grant Agreement and/or this Disclosure Statement, the California Air Resources Board may levee fines and/or seek criminal charges to the fullest extent allowed by law against the Applicant, including but not limited to the Business and Professional Code and California Health and Safety Code Section 43016.

Printed Name of Responsible Party:	Title:
Signature of Responsible Party:	Date:

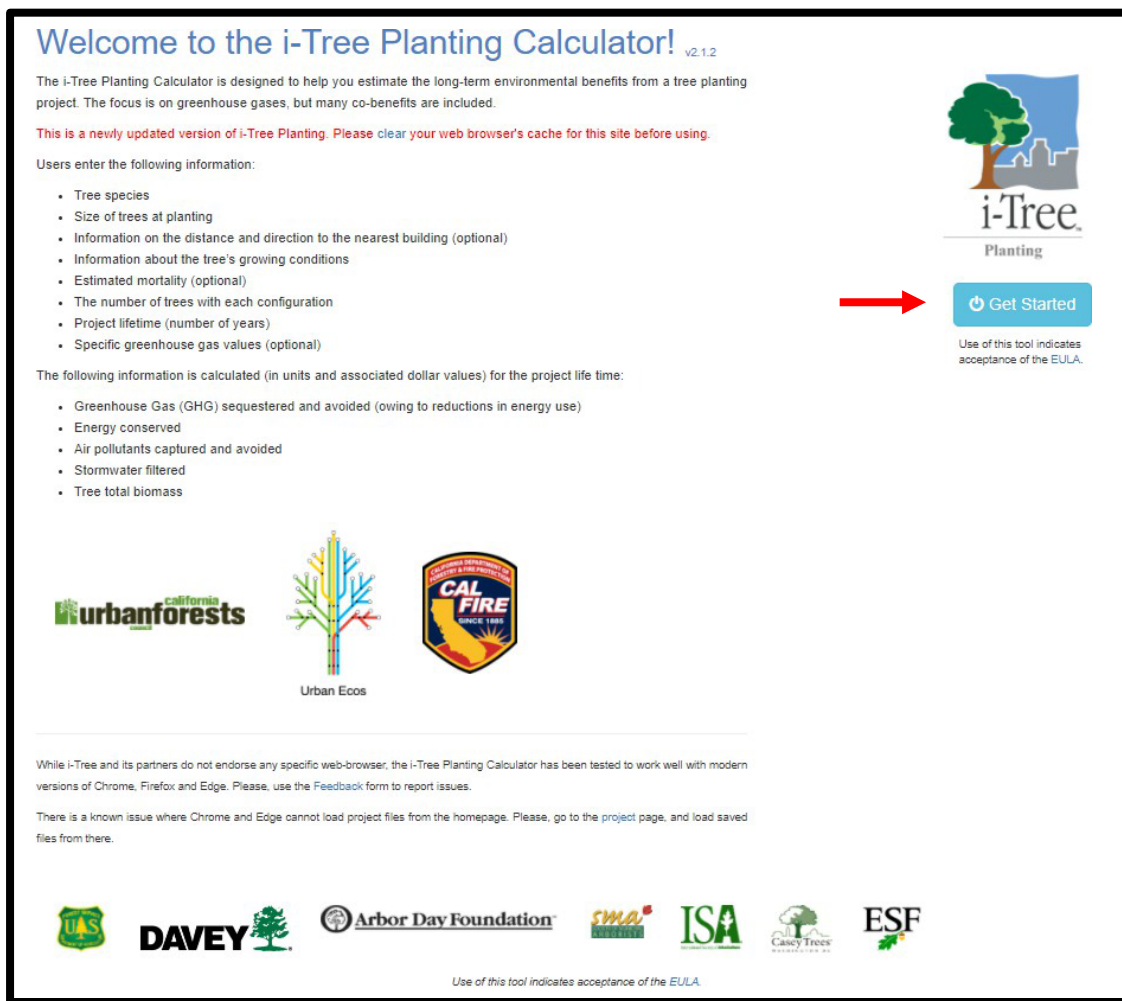
APPENDIX B URBAN GREENING TOOLS – USER GUIDES

- B-1. i-Tree Planting Calculator User Guide
- B-2. WUCOLS IV Tool User Guide
- B-3. DWR Water Budget Workbook User Guide
- B-4. CNRA Benefits Calculator Tool User Guide

B-1. i-Tree Planting Calculator User Guide

The tool **i-Tree Planting** should be used in order to help estimate the tree carbon storage, energy savings, and pollution reduction due to each group of trees to be planted. This tool can be found at [Home - i-Tree Planting Calculator \(planting.itreetools.org\)](http://planting.itreetools.org).

Step One – Open Tool. Once at the website, click “Get Started” on the right of the screen to access the tool, as shown below:



Step Two – Specify Project Location. Once in the tool, enter the project location (state, county, then city) as prompted from the three dropdown menus. Click next to continue.

Step Three – Specify Project Parameters. On the Project Parameters page, the Electricity Emissions Factor, Fuel Emissions Factor, Years for the Project, and Tree Mortality over Project Lifetime are all adjustable. Per CNRA guidelines, the Electricity Emissions Factor should be 227.9 kg CO₂e/MWh and the Fuel Emissions Factor should be entered as 53.1 kg CO₂e/MMBtu. The Years for the Project value should represent the total years of tree growth 40 years from the project start date. For example, for trees planted in the first year of the project, enter “40.” For trees planted in the second year, enter “39,” and so on. The Urban Greening Benefits Calculator Tool will account for the Tree Mortality over the Project Lifetime, so please enter zero for this field. See the following screenshot for an example of what this page may look like for a project within Imperial County:

Project Parameters

Configure the local parameters for the project.

Electricity Emissions Factor

227.9

This field is required.

Units

☐ pounds CO₂ equivalent/MWh ☒ kilograms CO₂ equivalent/MWh

Fuel Emissions Factor

53.1

This field is required.

Units

☐ pounds CO₂ equivalent/MMBtu ☒ kilograms CO₂ equivalent/MMBtu

Years for the Project (1 thru 99)

40

Tree Mortality over Project Lifetime, as an estimated percentage (Optional, 0 thru 100)

0

Next →

After making these inputs, hit next again to progress to the next tab, “Tree Planting Configurations.”

Step Four – Specify Units for Tree Planting Configurations. At the top of the Tree Planting Configurations page, the units can be adjusted between English and Metric, and it can be selected whether the tree species will be listed using their common or scientific names.

Step Five – Enter Tree Planting Configuration Information. After the units and nomenclature items are selected (under Step Four), the following must be entered:

- Tree Group Information
 - Species of tree (*select from dropdown*)
 - Diameter at breast height (DBH) at time of planting
- Building Information
 - Distance to nearest building (*select from dropdown*)
 - Direction from nearest building (*select from the dropdown the cardinal direction [e.g., North, South, etc.] in which the tree is located when standing at the building*)
 - Age of building (*select from dropdown*)
 - Climate controls within the nearest building (*select from dropdown*)
- Tree Details
 - Tree condition (*select from dropdown*)
 - Exposure to sunlight (*select from dropdown*)
 - Number of trees to be planted

This information must be entered for each different group of trees that will be planted. A new group is required whenever any of the above parameters are different for a set of trees. To add a new group of trees, hit the plus sign at the far left of the table. To remove a group, click the X at the left of the row that needs to be removed.

Location
Parameters
Trees
Report

Tree Planting Configurations

ATTENTION: Please, limit projects to batches of 100 or less tree groups.

Enter the tree groups for the project.

Units
☒ English (feet & inches) ☐ Metric (meters & cm)

Nomenclature
☒ Common Name ☐ Scientific Name

Tree Group Information				Building Information			Tree Details			
	Group Number	Species	DBH in inches	Distance to Nearest in feet	Tree is _____ of Building	Vintage	Climate Controls	Condition	Exposure to Sunlight	Number of Trees
+	1	Acacia	8	0-19	South (180°)	Built 1950 - 1980	A/C Only	Good	Full Sun	10
-	2	Cottonwood	14	20-39	Northeast (45°)	Built after 1980	Heat & A/C	Excellent	Full Sun	5

Add new rows here →

Delete rows here →

Adjust all values in these cells as needed

An example of this completed tab with two groups of trees is shown below:

Step Six – Generate Report. After inputting this information, hit next again. This will generate the final report from i-Tree Planting.

The report has four sections within the webtool:

- “CO2” shows the pounds of CO2 avoided and sequestered and the resultant cost savings.
- “Energy” shows the electricity and other fuel savings and resultant cost savings.
- “Eco” shows the total tree biomass, rainfall interception, and the avoided runoff in gallons and resultant cost savings.
- “Air Pollution” shows the total mass of several key air pollutants that was either avoided (via deposition and dispersion) or removed (via absorption) because of the project.

In order to see values from all four of these tabs at once, proceed to Step Seven – Export Report.

Step Seven – Export Report.

Planting Report

Print

NOTE: Printing is recommended as the "landscape" orientation or at a reduced scale.

Project Report - i-Tree Planting Calculator v2.1.2

Location: El Centro, California 92243
Electricity Emissions Factor: 252.40 kilograms CO2 equivalent/MWh
Fuel Emissions Factor: 52.00 kilograms CO2 equivalent/MMBtu
Lifetime: 40 years
Tree Mortality: 3%

All amounts in the tables are for the full lifetime of the project.

Units

☒ English (pounds & tons; kWh & MMBtu; gallons)
☐ Metric (kilograms & metric tons; kWh & MMBtu; cubic meters)

Copy
Export
CO₂
Energy
Eco
Air Pollution

Search:

Location		CO ₂ Benefits			
Group Identifier	Tree Group Characteristics	CO ₂ Avoided (pounds)	CO ₂ Avoided (\$)	CO ₂ Sequestered (pounds)	CO ₂ Sequestered (\$)
1	(10.0) Acacia (Acacia species) at 8.0 inches DBH. - Planted 0-19 feet and south (180°) of buildings that were built 1950-1980 with only A/C. - Trees are in good condition and planted in full sun.	64,299.5	\$1,495.41	1,757.6	\$40.88
2	(5.0) Cottonwood (Populus species) at 14.000000000000002 inches DBH. - Planted 20-39 feet and northeast (45°) of buildings that were built post-1980 with heat and A/C. - Trees are in excellent condition and planted in full sun.	34,798.9	\$809.31	84,780.8	\$1,971.74

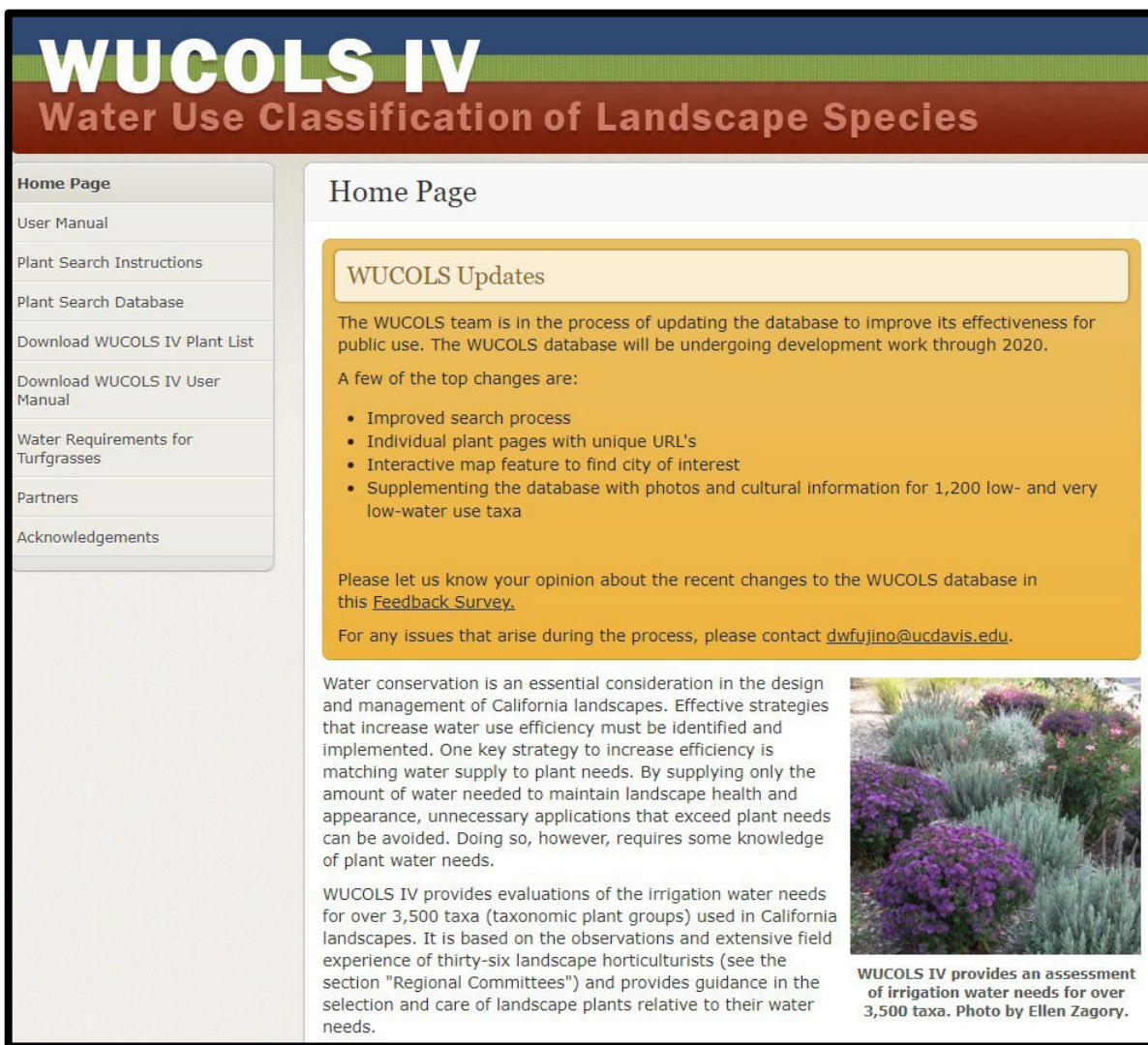
Hitting export will generate an Excel spreadsheet with all relevant values included. These values will need to be imported into tab "Tree Planting – ITP" in the CNRA Calculator Tool.

B-2. Water Use Classification of Landscape Species (WUCOLS IV) Tool User Guide

The University of California Agriculture and Natural Resources (UC ANR) **WUCOLS** tool should be used in conjunction with the DWR Water Budget Workbook in order to estimate the amount of water and type of irrigation that this project will require. This tool is available here:

<https://ucanr.edu/sites/WUCOLS/>.

Step One – Open Plant Search Database. From the tool home page, click “Plant Search Database” to enter the tool itself, as shown below:



Clicking that link will open the Plant Search Database.

Step Two – Enter City Name. Enter the city in which the proposed project will be located using the drop-down menu or “Find a city on the map” option. Note that El Centro and Calexico are the only options within the corridor. Heber is not an available option, but all of Imperial County is located within the same region, classified as “Low Desert” in this tool. Therefore, if the project is specifically in Heber or is otherwise not located within El Centro or Calexico, choose either El Centro or Calexico. These cities will be representative of the entire Corridor.

Step Three – Choose Plant Type. Once the city name is entered, there are two options. If the types of plant and greenery for the project have already been determined, use the “Plant Name” search box to choose the specific plants and greenery. If not, then the general Plant Type can be chosen from the list on the right, and the water usage can be chosen from the checklist on the left. In the example below, the user selected California native trees that require very low or low water usage within Calexico:

The screenshot shows the WUCOLS IV Plant Search Database interface. At the top, the title "WUCOLS IV" is in large white letters on a dark blue background, with "Water Use Classification of Landscape Species" in smaller white letters below it. The main heading "Plant Search Database" is in a light gray box. Below this, a text box explains that users can search by name (partial names are OK) or by plant type and/or water use. A button "See WUCOLS List for All Regions" is in the top right. The "City" section has a dropdown menu with "Calexico" selected and a "Find a city on the map" button. The "Plant Name" section has a text box for "Common Name or Botanical Name". The "Water Use" section has a checklist with "Very Low" and "Low" selected. The "Plant Type" section has a checklist with "T (Tree)" and "N (California Native)" selected. A link "Looking for Turf Grass?" is next to "G (Ornamental Grass)". A green "Search Plants" button is at the bottom left.

WUCOLS IV
Water Use Classification of Landscape Species

Plant Search Database

If you know exactly which plant you are interested in, you may search for it by name (partial names are OK, too). Otherwise, consider searching by plant type and/or water use. [See WUCOLS List for All Regions](#)

City
Search for a city: — or — [Find a city on the map](#)

Plant Name

Water Use
☒ Very Low
☒ Low
☐ Moderate / Medium
☐ High
☐ Unknown
☐ Not Appropriate for this Region

Plant Type
☐ Gc (Ground Cover)
☐ P (Perennial)
☐ S (Shrub)
☒ T (Tree)
☐ V (Vine)
☐ Ba (Bamboo)
☐ Bu (Bulb)
☐ G (Ornamental Grass) [Looking for Turf Grass?](#)
☐ Pm (Palm and Cycad)
☐ Su (Succulent)
☒ N (California Native)
☐ A (Arboretum All-star)

[Search Plants](#)

Step Four – Search Plants. After the options have been set, click “Search Plants” on the bottom left of the screen in order to view the results. The top results of the plant type selected in Step Three appear alphabetically as shown on the following page:

WUCOLS IV

Water Use Classification of Landscape Species

Plant Search Database

City

Calexico

Region

Low Desert

Start Over

Search Again

Export List

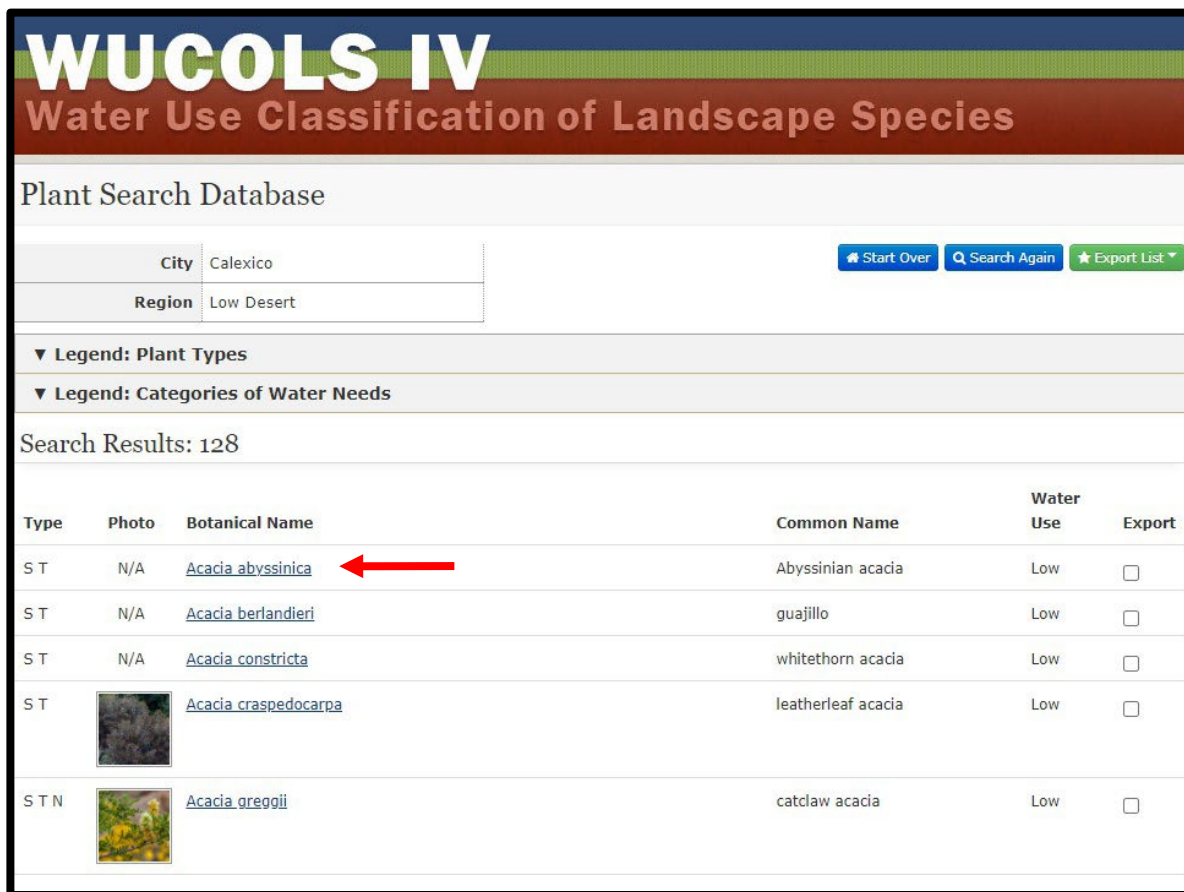
Legend: Plant Types

Legend: Categories of Water Needs

Search Results: 128

Type	Photo	Botanical Name	Common Name	Water Use	Export
S T	N/A	Acacia abyssinica	Abyssinian acacia	Low	☐
S T	N/A	Acacia berlandieri	guajillo	Low	☐
S T	N/A	Acacia constricta	whitethorn acacia	Low	☐
S T		Acacia craspedocarpa	leatherleaf acacia	Low	☐
S T N		Acacia greggii	catclaw acacia	Low	☐

Step Five – Choose Plant Type. Once an appropriate plant has been identified, or once the type of plant that has already been chosen for this project is found, click on its name. An example for the first search result, *Acacia abyssinica*, is shown below:



WUCOLS IV
Water Use Classification of Landscape Species

Plant Search Database

City: Calexico
Region: Low Desert

Start Over Search Again Export List

Legend: Plant Types
Legend: Categories of Water Needs

Search Results: 128

Type	Photo	Botanical Name	Common Name	Water Use	Export
S T	N/A	Acacia abyssinica	Abyssinian acacia	Low	☐
S T	N/A	Acacia berlandieri	guajillo	Low	☐
S T	N/A	Acacia constricta	whitethorn acacia	Low	☐
S T		Acacia craspedocarpa	leatherleaf acacia	Low	☐
S T N		Acacia greggii	catclaw acacia	Low	☐

Step Six – Obtain Evapotranspiration Rate. On the next page, click on the text “Legend: Categories of Water Needs” in order to display the evapotranspiration rates for the chosen plant. Look for the value that matches the water usage classification for that plant, which should be highlighted in blue. An example for the first search result, *Acacia abyssinica*, is shown on the following page:

WUCOLS IV

Water Use Classification of Landscape Species

Plant Search Database

Acacia abyssinica [Start Over](#)

Botanical Name	<i>Acacia abyssinica</i>
Common Name	Abyssinian acacia
Plant Type(s)	Shrub (S) Tree (T)

Water usage

Region 1 North Central Coastal	Inappropriate
Region 2 Central Valley	Unknown
Region 3 South Coastal	Inappropriate
Region 4 South Inland Valley	Unknown
Region 5 High and Intermediate Desert	Inappropriate
Region 6 Low Desert	Low

[Clear region selection](#)

Click here to expand

▼ Legend: Plant Types

▲ Legend: Categories of Water Needs

Category	Abbreviation	Percentage of ET ₀
Very Low	VL	< 10
Low	LO	10-30
Moderate / Medium	M	40-60
High	H	70-90
Unknown	U	N/A
Not Appropriate for this Region	NA	N/A

Use this classification to select the correct ET₀ percentage, below

The Evapotranspiration Rate, ET₀, is shown in the "Percentage of ET₀" column. Take note of the average value from the column "Percentage of ET₀," shown above. In this case, the average would be 20%.

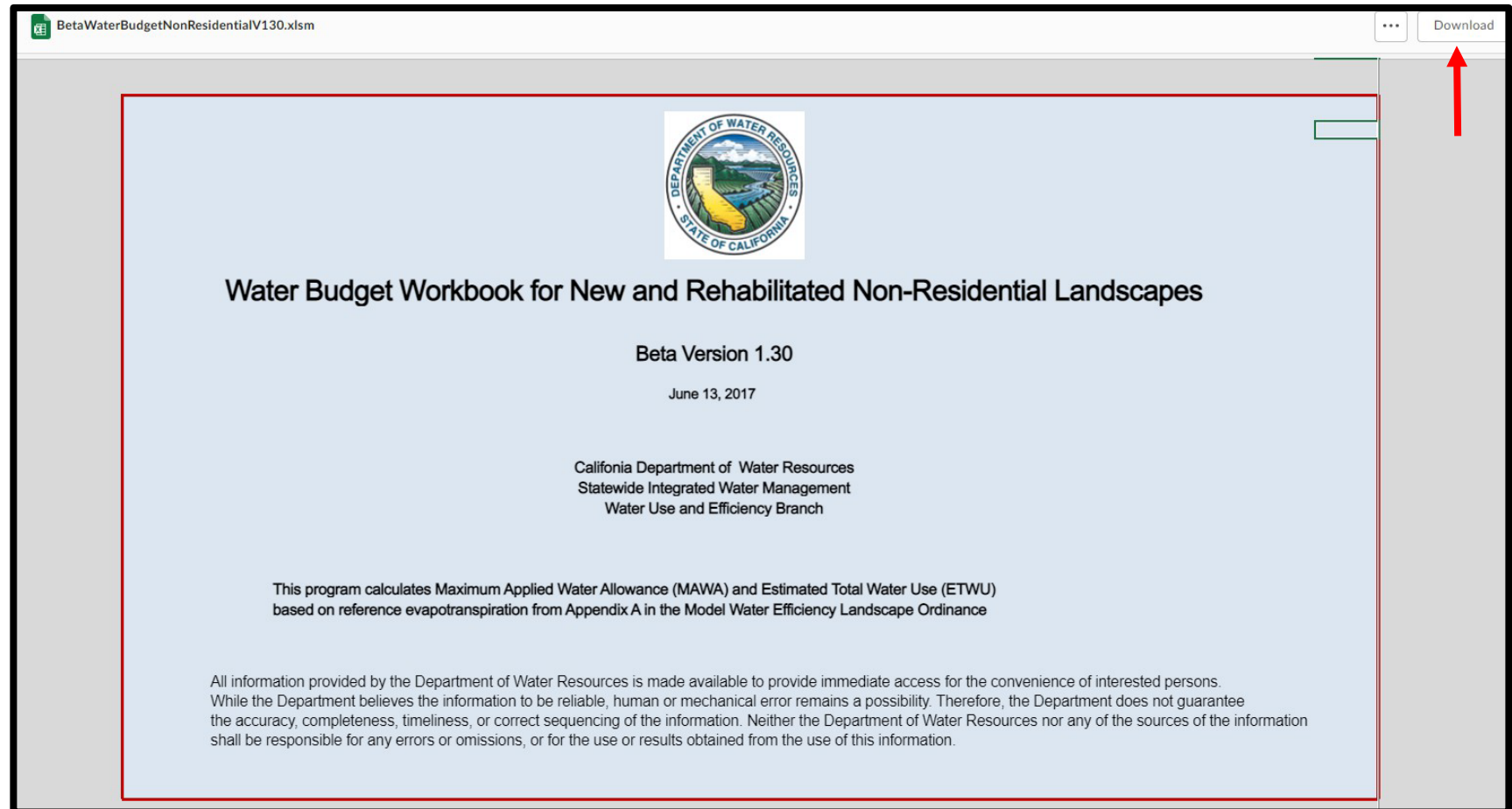
The ET₀ value needs to be obtained for all plants that are currently at the proposed project site, as well as all of the species that would be planted as part of the project itself. Once these values have been collected, they can be entered into the next tool, the DWR Water Budget Workbook.

B-3. DWR Water Budget Workbook User Guide

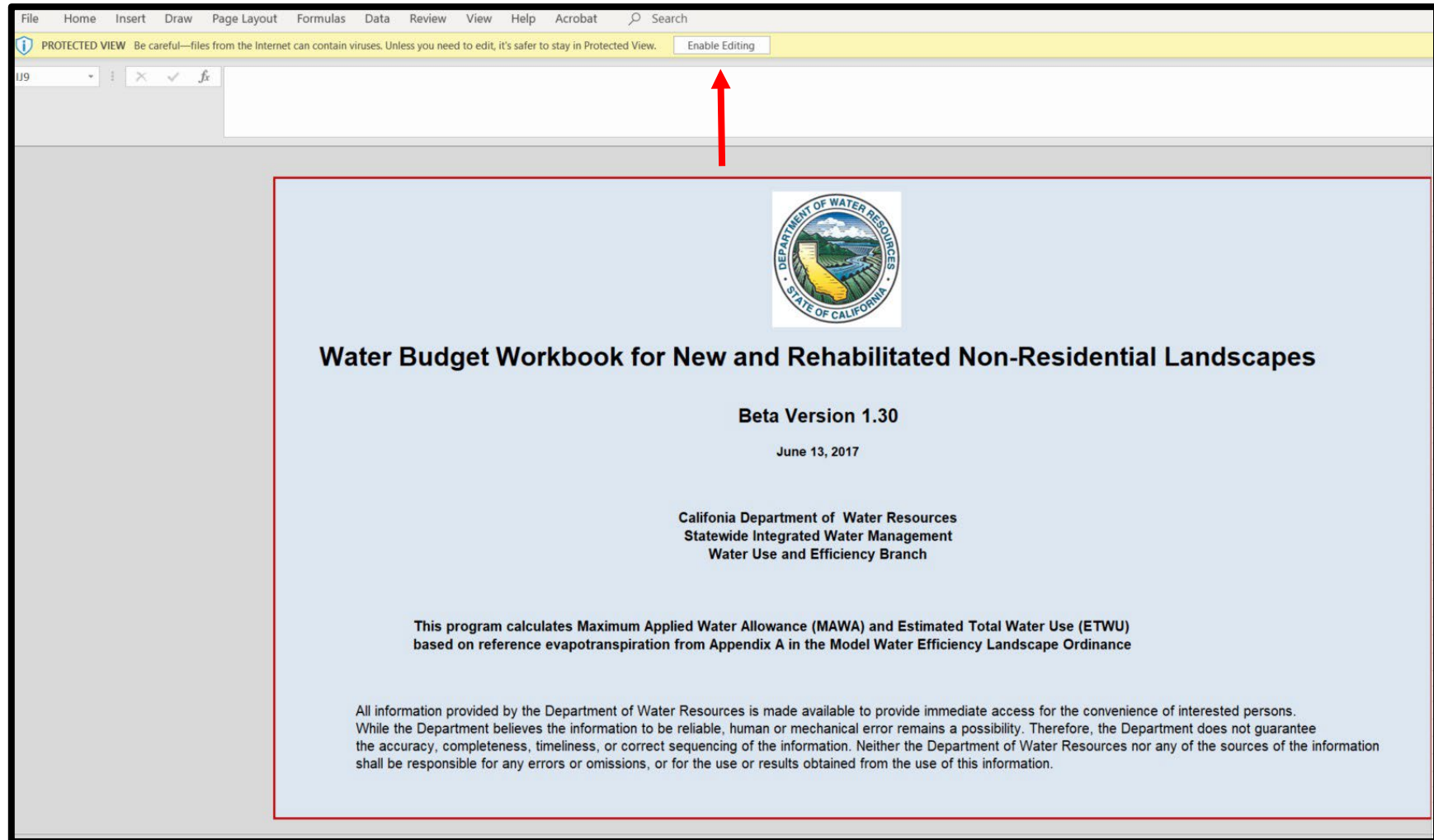
After the WUCOLS tool is run, the California Department of Water Resources' Water Budget Workbook for New and Rehabilitated Non-Residential Landscapes ("**DWR Water Budget Workbook**") should be used in order to estimate the amount of water and type of irrigation that the proposed project will require. This tool is available for download here:

<https://cadwr.app.box.com/s/5k39tv10u42rp5bn2uebd7fodkxzgve7>.

Step One – Download Tool. Clicking the link above opens an embedded workbook. In order to access the tool in Excel, click "Download" in the top right, as shown below.



Step Two – Enable Workbook. After downloading the spreadsheet, click “Enable Editing” in order to gain access to the spreadsheet.



This tool consists of three main tabs: Maximum Applied Water Allowance (MAWA), Estimated Total Water Use (ETWU), and Special Landscape Area (SLA).

For all proposed projects, this entire workbook must be filled out twice:

- Once using the current landscape characteristics of the proposed project site ("Pre-Project Scenario"), and
- Once accounting for the landscape characteristics after the proposed project is implemented ("Post-Project Scenario").

To do so, it is recommended that the applicant save two copies of the Water Budget workbook: one for the Pre-Project Scenario, and one for the Post-Project Scenario.

Workbook cells highlighted in blue are ones for which data should be entered. Cells highlighted in tan display results and should not be adjusted.

"MAWA" Tab

Steps One through Three should be performed in the blue highlighted cells in the "MAWA" tab. For reference, a screenshot of this tab is provided on the next page. Note that there is additional instruction to the left of the data entry in this tab.

Step Three – Specify Project Location. In the tab "MAWA," first select the city where the proposed project will be located. Note that Calexico and Heber are not options on the dropdown list, so selecting El Centro will likely be most appropriate for projects located within the Corridor.

Step Four – Specify Project Area. Next, enter square footage of the landscape area that is irrigated via overhead spray, as well as the square footage of landscape area that is irrigated by drip irrigation. Where prompted, also enter the square footage of any special landscape area on the project site. Special landscape area includes recreational area, area permanently and solely dedicated to edible plants, and area irrigated with recycled water.

Step Five – Specify Project Precipitation. If known, enter the annual precipitation at the project site in inches per year. If the annual precipitation is unknown, this cell can be left blank.

Maximum Applied Water Allowance Calculations for New and Rehabilitated Non-Residential Landscapes		
Enter value in Pale Blue Cells		
Tan Cells Show Results		
Messages and Warnings		
Click on the blue cell on right to Pick City Name ET _o of City from Appendix A Results: $(ET_o) \times (0.62) \times [(0.45 \times LA) + (1.0 - 0.45) \times SLA]$	El Centro	Name of City
	81.70	ET _o (Inches/year)
	23000	Overhead Landscape Area (ft ²)
	27000	Drip Landscape Area (ft ²)
	43000	SLA (ft ²)
	93,000	Total Landscape Area
	3,317,575	Gallons
	443,497	Cubic Feet
	4,435	HCF
	10	Acre-feet
3	Millions of Gallons	
MAWA calculation incorporating Effective Precipitation (Optional)		
Precipitation (Optional)		
ET _o of City from Appendix A	82	ET _o (Inches/year)
Total Landscape Area	93,000	LA (ft ²)
Special Landscape Area	43,000	SLA (ft ²)
		Total annual precipitation (inches/year)
Enter Effective Precipitation	0.00	Eppt (in/yr)(25% of total annual precipitation)
Results:		
MAWA = $[(ET_o - Eppt) \times (0.62)] \times [(0.45 \times LA) + ((1.0 - 0.45) \times SLA)]$		Gallons
		Cubic Feet
		HCF
		Acre-feet
		Millions of Gallons

Next, move to tab "ETWU."

"ETWU" Tab

Steps Six through Nine should be performed in the blue highlighted cells in the "ETWU" tab. For reference, a screenshot of this tab is provided on the next page.

Note that after download, the tool will display example data in this sheet, with six hydrozones listed. Delete the irrigation type, plant factor, and hydrozone area columns before starting.

Step Six – Specify Irrigation Type. Fill out the irrigation type (overhead spray or drip) for each hydrozone. A hydrozone is a portion of the landscaped area having plants with similar water needs. If two different types of tree are planted as part of this project, then each type of tree qualifies as its own hydrozone. Additionally, if certain areas of the landscape are irrigated in different ways then those areas would constitute different hydrozones as well. Special Landscape Areas do not need to be entered on this tab.

Step Seven – Specify Area of Each Hydrozone. For each hydrozone, enter the area in square feet in the column labelled "Hydrozone Area Without SLA." The total area entered for all hydrozones on this page should match the total area entered on the "MAWA" tab. Special Landscape Areas do not need to be entered on this tab.

Step Eight – Enter Plant Factors. Next, input the correct plant factor for each hydrozone. This plant factor will be the average evapotranspiration rate (ET_0) that was obtained from the WUCOLS tool. Each type of plant will have its own plant factor, and thus may represent its own hydrozone. Special Landscape Areas do not need to be entered on this tab.

These three items will be input into the columns highlighted in blue, as shown below for a project with six example hydrozones:

Estimated Total Water Use						
Equation: $ETWU = ET_0 \times 0.62 \times [((PF \times HA)/IE) + SLA]$; Considering precipitation $ETWA = (ET_0 - Eppt) \times 0.62 \times [((PF \times HA)/IE) + SLA]$						
Enter values in Pale Blue Cells						
Tan Cells Show Results						
Messages and Warnings						
Irrigation Efficiency Default Value for overhead 0.75 and drip 0.81.						
Plant Water Use Type			Plant Factor			
Very Low			0 - 0.1			
Low			0.2 - 0.3			
Medium			0.4 - 0.6			
High			0.7 - 1.0			
SLA			1.0			
Hydrozone	Select System From the Dropdown List click on cell below	Plant Water Use Type (s) (low, medium, high)	Plant Factor (PF)	Hydrozone Area (HA) (ft ²) Without SLA	Irrigation Efficiency (IE)	(PF x HA (ft ²))/IE
Zone 1	Overhead Spray	High	0.70	5,000	0.75	4,667
Zone 2	Overhead Spray	Medium	0.50	4,000	0.75	2,667
Zone 3	Overhead Spray	Medium	0.40	3,000	0.75	1,600
Zone 4	Drip	Low	0.30	7,000	0.81	2,593
Zone 5	Drip	Low	0.30	15,000	0.81	5,556
Zone 6	Drip	Low	0.20	16,000	0.81	3,951

Step Nine – View Results. At the bottom of this tab, the workbook will display the estimated total water usage as shown below. Note this value (in gallons) for both the pre- and post-project scenarios, as it will need to be entered into tab “Tree Planting-ITP” of the CNRA calculations workbook.

Projects must comply with MAWA, per California’s updated Model Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance (MWELO).¹ This workbook will show if a project complies with MAWA as shown in red font in the screenshot below.

Results		Total Landscape Area including Special Landscape	
MAWA =	3,317,575	ETWU =	3,243,226 Gallons
			433,558 Cubic Feet
			4,335.58 HCF
			9.95 Acre-feet
			3.24 Millions of Gallons
			ETWU complies with MAWA

Note that the DWR Water Budget Workbook also includes a third tab, “SLA.” For purposes of these projects, the inputs on this tab do not affect the project results. Therefore, this tab can be ignored.

¹ California Model Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance (MWELO). Available: <https://water.ca.gov/Programs/Water-Use-And-Efficiency/Urban-Water-Use-Efficiency/Model-Water-Efficient-Landscape-Ordinance#:~:text=DWR/2015%20About%20half%20of%20the%20urban%20water%20is,by%20the%20Model%20Water%20Efficient%20Landscape%20Ordinance%20.> Accessed: February 2021.

B-4. CNRA Benefits Calculator Tool User Guide

After using i-Tree Planting, WUCOLS IV, and the DWR Water Budget Workbook, the California Natural Resources Agency (CNRA) **Benefits Calculator Tool** can be completed for the proposed urban greening project.

To access the tool, visit the following site: <https://ww2.arb.ca.gov/resources/documents/cii-quantification-benefits-and-reporting-materials?corr>.

Step One – Locate Tool. Scroll down to the section labelled “Natural Resources and Waste Diversion,” then look for the California Natural Resources Agency’s Urban Greening Program.

Step Two – Open Tool. Once identified, click the link for “Calculator Tool (Version 3),” as shown below, to open the tool. This will download an Excel file named “cnra_ug_finalcalculator_070820_v3.xlsx”. Open the Excel file and click the prompt to “Enable Editing” if necessary.

Calendar Help & FAQs Contact Careers English Español SEARCH CARB				
ABOUT OUR WORK RESOURCES SERVICES RULEMAKING NEWS EQUITY				
Recovery				
California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery	Waste Diversion, Organics Composting, Community Composting, Anaerobic Digestion/Co-Digestion, Food Waste Prevention and Rescue	Organics Programs QM Calculator Tool	Waste Diversion and Utilization	Waste Diversion and Utilization Community Compost
California Natural Resources Agency	Tree Planting Carbon Sequestration, Tree Planting Energy Savings from Shade, New Bike Paths or Lanes, New Pedestrian Facilities	Urban Greening Grant Program QM Calculator Tool (Version 3)  <i>Note: Version 3 July 8, 2020, corrects an autofill field that was not populating correctly and a formula error ascribing the incorrect anticipated lifespan to Class II bike lanes.. No changes to the QM document/User guide were made.</i>	Urban Forestry and Urban Greening	Urban Greening Projects
California State Coastal Conservancy	Climate Ready Program, Tree Planting Carbon Sequestration, Carbon Farming, Climate Adaptation Planning	Climate Ready Program QM Calculator Tool	Healthy Soils Planning Urban Forestry and Urban Greening	Climate Ready Program

Step Three – Enter Project Information. Within the Excel file, two main tabs need to be updated manually. The first is labelled “Project Info.” This tab requires the applicant to enter the project name, contact information, and the requested funding amount. The items that should be filled out are highlighted in green.

While there are multiple line items set up for funding, the total amount of funding requested under the Imperial County AB 617 program should be entered in the row labelled “Total Urban Greening GGRF

Funds Requested,” as shown below. Unless other funding is available, all other funding rows can be labelled as \$0.

Note to applicants:
A step-by-step **user guide**, including a **project example**, for this Benefits Calculator Tool is available at:
http://www.arb.ca.gov/cc/capandtrade/auctionproceeds/cnra_ug_finaluserguide_050720_v2.pdf

Third-party tools:
This Benefits Calculator Tool requires data inputs obtained from several third-party tools.
The following third-party tools are required to use this Benefits Calculator Tool:

i-Tree Planting

Available at: <https://planting.itreetools.org/>

i-Tree Tools

Available at: <https://www.itreetools.org/streets/index.php>

Water Budget Workbook for New and Rehabilitated Non-Residential Landscapes

Available at: <http://water.ca.gov/>

Water Use Classification of Landscape Species (WUCOLS IV)

Available at: <http://ucanr.edu/>

Information for using i-Tree tools is available in the user guide (see above).
Information and examples for using the water tools is available in the Water Savings Assessment Methodology at: www.arb.ca.gov/cc/cobenefits.

Urban Greening applicants must enter the applicable information in the table below before proceeding with the project-specific data on the Inputs tab.

Project Name:	
Applicant ID:	
Contact Name:	
Contact Phone Number:	
Contact Email:	
Date Calculator Completed:	
Total Urban Greening GGRF Funds Requested (\$):	\$ Enter requested funding amount here -
Other GGRF Leveraged Funds (\$):	\$ -
Total GGRF Funds (\$):	\$ -
Non-GGRF Leveraged Funds (\$):	\$ -
Total Funds (\$):	\$ -

Key for color-coded fields:
Green Required input field*
Grey Output field / not modifiable
Yellow Helpful hints / important tips
*See "Documentation" tab for additional information

After the "Project Info" tab has been filled out, go to tab "Tree Planting-ITP." Steps Four and Five should be entered on the "Tree Planting-ITP" tab.

Step Four – Enter Water Usages.

At the top of the “Tree Planting – ITP” tab, there are two rows to enter the estimated annual baseline on-site water use and the estimated annual on-site water use after planting. Here, enter the estimate total water usage (ETWU) from the DWR Water Budget Workbook. Enter the value from the pre-project scenario in row 16, and the value from the post-project scenario in row 17, as shown below:

Estimated Change in Water Irrigation from Planting Trees	
Enter data below after using the UCANR Water Use Classification of Landscape Species (WUCOLS IV) and the DWR Water Budget Workbook for New and Rehabilitated Non-Residential Landscapes (Water Budget Workbook).	
If Project Involves Additional Irrigation, Estimated Annual Baseline On-site Water Use (gal/yr)	Enter pre-project ETWU from DWR Workbook here 
If Project Involves Additional Irrigation, Estimated Annual On-Site Water Use After Planting (gal/yr)	Enter post-project ETWU from DWR Workbook here 
Irrigation Savings Over 40 Year Quantification Period (gal)	0

Step Five – Enter Data from i-Tree Planting. In the second table on the “Tree Planting – ITP” (shown below), enter the results from the i-Tree Planting Report as prompted. Enter the results for each individual group of trees in a separate row. Once all of the green cells below have been populated, this tool will calculate emission reductions as well as water and energy savings at the bottom of the tab.

Tree Planting Benefits									
Enter data below after using i-Tree Planting to estimate tree carbon storage, electricity savings, natural gas savings, and co-pollutants removed due to the groups of trees.									
Group Identifier	Tree Group Characteristics	Quantity of Trees to be Planted within this Tree Group	Carbon Stored in Tree Group Over the 40 Year Quantification Period (lb CO ₂ e)	Electricity Savings From Tree Group Over the 40 Year Quantification Period (kWh)	Natural Gas Savings From Tree Group Over the 40 Year Quantification Period (MMBtu)	NO ₂ Removed Over the 40 Year Quantification Period (lb)	PM _{2.5} Removed Over the 40 Year Quantification Period (lb)	Rainfall Interception Over the 40 Year Quantification Period (gal)	Avoided Runoff Over the 40 Year Quantification Period (gal)

The data from the i-Tree Planting output file should match the table above as shown below:

Data Label in Exported i-Tree Planting Report	Data Label in Tab “Tree Planting – ITP”
Group Identifier	Group Identifier
Tree Group Characteristics	Tree Group Characteristics
CO ₂ Sequestered (pounds)	Carbon Stored in Tree Group over the 40 Year Quantification Period
Electricity Saved (kWh)	Electricity Savings from Tree Group over the 40 Year Quantification Period
Fuel Saved (MMBtu)	Natural Gas Savings from Tree Group over the 40 Year Quantification Period
NO ₂ Removed (pounds)	NO ₂ Removed Over the 40 Year Quantification Period
PM _{2.5} Removed (pounds)	PM _{2.5} Removed Over the 40 Year Quantification Period
Rainfall Interception (gallons)	Rainfall Interception Over the 40 Year Quantification Period
Avoided Runoff (gallons)	Avoided Runoff Over the 40 Year Quantification Period

The workbook contains two additional data entry tabs highlighted in green. The “Tree Planting-ITS” tab should not be filled out (the “Tree Planting – ITS” tab is designed as an alternative input tab for use with alternative software that is no longer supported).

The “New Bike-Ped Infrastructure” tab is used for estimating benefits from implementation of new bicycle or pedestrian infrastructure. This action was not identified as a requirement under Measure M-2 of the Imperial County Community Emissions Reduction Plan, so this tab may also be skipped.

Step Six – View Results. Results are viewed on the gray-highlighted tabs, “GHG Summary” and “Co-benefit Summary”. The applicant does not need to fill in any information in these tabs. However, the applicant shall attach a copy of these results to the Imperial County AB 617 Project Application form as prompted. Screenshots of these two tabs are shown on the following pages:

Tab "GHG Summary:"

 Cap and Trade Dollars at Work		California Air Resources Board Benefits Calculator Tool for the Urban Greening Grant Program California Climate Investments Version 3 - July 8, 2020			
Project Name:					
Project Information					
Total Urban Greening GGRF Funds Requested (\$)				\$	-
Other GGRF Leveraged Funds (\$)				\$	-
Total GGRF Funds (\$)				\$	-
Non-GGRF Leveraged Funds (\$)				\$	-
Total Funds (\$)				\$	-
GHG Summary					
GHG Benefit of Carbon Stored in Live Project Trees Estimated Using i-Tree Planting (MT CO ₂ e)					0
GHG Benefit of Carbon Stored in Live Project Trees Estimated Using i-Tree Streets (MT CO ₂ e)					0
GHG Benefit from Energy Savings Estimated Using i-Tree Planting (MT CO ₂ e)					0
GHG Benefit from Energy Savings Estimated Using i-Tree Streets (MT CO ₂ e)					0
Avoided GHG from Establishment of New Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities (MT CO ₂ e)					0
GHG Emissions from Tree Planting Project Implementation (MT CO ₂ e)					0
Total Urban Greening GHG Benefit (MT CO ₂ e)					0
Total GHG Benefit (MT CO ₂ e)					0
Total GHG Benefit per Total Urban Greening GGRF Funds (MT CO ₂ e/\$)					0
Total GHG Benefit per Total Funds (MT CO ₂ e/\$)					0

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Tab "Co-benefit Summary:"

Project Name:	
Co-benefits and Key Variables Summary	
Urban Greening GGRF Funds	
Total PM _{2.5} Emission Reductions (lb)	0
Total NOx Emission Reductions (lb)	0
Total ROG Emission Reductions (lb)	0
Total Diesel PM emission reductions (lb)	0
Remote PM2.5 Emission Reductions (lb)	0
Remote NOx Emission Reductions (lb)	0
Remote ROG Emission Reductions (lb)	0
Trees Planted	0
Total Water Savings (gal)	0
Annual Water Savings (acre feet/year)	0
Fossil Fuel Based Energy Use Reductions (kWh)	0
Fossil Fuel Based Energy Use Reductions (therms)	0
Energy and Fuel Cost Savings (\$)	\$0
Passenger VMT Reductions (miles)	0
Fossil Fuel Based Transportation Fuel Use Reductions (gal)	0
Travel Cost Savings (\$)	\$0
Total	
Total PM _{2.5} Emission Reductions (lb)	0
Total NOx Emission Reductions (lb)	0
Total ROG Emission Reductions (lb)	0
Total Diesel PM emission reductions (lbs)	0
Remote PM2.5 Emission Reductions (lb)	0
Remote NOx Emission Reductions (lb)	0
Remote ROG Emission Reductions (lb)	0
Trees Planted	0
Total Water Savings (gal)	0
Annual Water Savings (acre feet/year)	0
Fossil Fuel Based Energy Use Reductions (kWh)	0
Fossil Fuel Based Energy Use Reductions (therms)	0
Energy and Fuel Cost Savings (\$)	\$0
Passenger VMT Reductions (miles)	0
Fossil Fuel Based Transportation Fuel Use Reductions (gal)	0
Travel Cost Savings (\$)	\$0