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### Governor Signs Bill to Prohibit Fines for "Under-watering" -- updated 9/18/2014

New law prevents fines for under-watering in a drought.

Governor Jerry Brown recently signed legislation that will prevent Homeowner Associations (HOAs) from imposing fines for under-watering lawns and plants during a state-declared drought emergency. Many Homeowners Associations (HOAs) have rules and regulations dictating the responsibilities of separate interest owners to maintain their yards, and can impose fines if these rules are not followed. The new laws prohibits an HOA from imposing fines for under-watered lawns and plants during a period for which the Governor has declared a drought emergency. This measure, supported by the CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS®, ensures that residents in common interest developments are permitted to undertake landscape modifications that foster more efficient water usage without risking a monetary fine by their HOA.

Another bill, AB 1636 (Brown) that would have prevented local governments from imposing similar fines for under-watering has stalled in the Assembly.

