Water-Efficient Landscape Rebate Program Application

Zone 7 Water Agency (Zone 7) and water service providers Livermore Municipal Water, City of Pleasanton, and Dublin San Ramon Services District are offering rebates for you to replace large sections of irrigated lawn with an environmentally friendly, attractive water-efficient landscape alternative. The Water-Efficient Landscape rebate can enhance your property and improve the environment. It's simple and smart!

You can receive $2 per square foot of lawn converted for a maximum rebate of $3,000 for residential sites and $20,000 for commercial, industrial, and institutional sites.

What Projects are Eligible for this Rebate?

- The site must receive its water service from Livermore Municipal Water, the City of Pleasanton, or Dublin San Ramon Services District and the property's water account must be in good standing.
- The project area must contain lawn that is irrigated by a sprinkler system. However, unmaintained brown lawns are acceptable if your water service provider has enacted irrigation restrictions.
- As part of the project, this sprinkler system must be converted to drip irrigation, removed, or capped off. If a drip system is installed, it must be equipped with proper backflow prevention, a pressure regulator, a filter, and pressure-compensating emitters.
- You must convert at least 100 square feet of lawn that is visible from the sidewalk or 200 square feet of lawn if it is in the backyard.
- All new plants must be rated as "low" or "very low" water use in the Water Use Classification of Landscaped Species (WUCOLS) database or found in Tri-Valley Waterwise plant library.
- At least 50% of the project area must be covered with low water use plants when they are fully mature.
- Sheet mulching is encouraged but not required.
- The site must not have reached the maximum rebate amount for lawn conversions.

What Projects are Not Eligible for this Rebate?

- Projects at properties that receive their water service from Cal Water. *(Visit www.calwater.com to apply for their separate rebate program).*
- Projects that have started prior to application submittal and issuance of the project Notice to Proceed. There are no retroactive rebates.
- Projects at properties that irrigate with recycled water.
- Projects at properties with water accounts that are not individually metered.
- Projects that involve installing artificial turf, non-permeable weed block materials, or non-permeable hardscapes such as concrete, brick, and flagstone that have been mortared into place.
- Projects at a site that has already received the maximum rebate for lawn conversion.

See Zone 7 Water Agency's website for additional eligibility requirements and exclusions. Program terms and conditions may change.

How Does this Rebate Program Work?

1. Fill out the application and gather the following required items:
    - List of proposed plants and quantities.
    - Sketch of the project. Hand-drawn is acceptable. A template grid and examples can also be found on Zone 7 website.
    - If the site is in a neighborhood governed by a Homeowners Association (HOA), an approval letter from HOA management must be submitted with the application.
    - Current photos of the existing lawn.

2. Submit your application and required items to Zone 7 for pre-approval. Pre-approval is required before work begins. Applications can be submitted to rebates@zone7water.com or:

    Zone 7 Water Agency
    Attn: Rebates
    100 North Canyons Parkway
    Livermore, CA 94551

3. Zone 7 will review your application and contact you within one to two weeks. Your project may require a site visit before being approved. If your application is approved, Zone 7 will issue a "Notice to Proceed". You will have 120 days from the issuance of the Notice to Proceed to complete your project and notify Zone 7 of its completion.
4. After Zone 7 issues the Notice to Proceed, you can begin your project work in compliance with the following conditions. All receipts for plants, mulch, compost, and irrigation components will be needed for reimbursements.

5. After your project is complete, email the following to rebates@zone7water.com:
    - Copies of all receipts for plants, mulch, compost, and irrigation components
    - List of plants used in the final project
    - Photos of the completed project

    It is the applicant's responsibility to contact Zone 7 when the lawn conversion is completed. A post-inspection and submitting an IRS W-9 form to your water service provider may be required before you receive your rebate.

6. After Zone 7 has verified that your completed project meets the terms of this program, the rebate will be issued as either a credit on the customer's water bill or a check from your water service provider within three months.

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Name on Water Account (Last, First): _____

Name on Application if different than Water Account (Last, First): _____

Water Account Number(s): _____

Installation Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

How Did You Hear About the Rebate?

_____

Applicant is: ☐ Property Owner ☐ Tenant ☐ Contractor ☐ Property Manager

☐ Other _____

Is the Property part of an HOA: ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, list HOA name:_____

Is the Property a Business: ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, list Business name:_____

Approximate Square Feet of Lawn Conversion: _____

Description of Area to be Converted: _____

I Pay My Water Bill To: ☐ City of Livermore ☐ City of Pleasanton ☐ Dublin San Ramon Services District

Eliminating sprinkler heads is a rebate requirement. My project will:

☐ Cap off sprinkler heads ☐ Convert sprinkler heads to drip ☐ Both

I have included the following with my application:

☐ List of proposed plants and quantities ☐ Sketch of the project ☐ Current photos of the existing lawn
☐ HOA approval letter (if necessary)

BY SUBMITTING THIS APPLICATION, YOU AGREE TO THE FOLLOWING:

I, the undersigned, understand that this is a limited, first-come/first-served rebate program, and that rebates are given only for projects for which applications are approved in advance of installation, and that Zone 7 is entitled to deny any application that does not meet program requirements.

I have voluntarily determined to participate in Zone 7's Water-Efficient Landscape Rebate Program. I have selected materials, supplies, and labor for the purpose of performing the installation.

Zone 7 Water Agency and the participating water agencies enforce only the Terms and Conditions of this

agreement. The applicant is solely responsible for complying with any and all laws, regulations, policies, conditions, covenants, and restrictions that may apply, and for any and all liabilities arising out of a lawn conversion project. Applicants must comply with all local permitting requirements, and with all state and local laws relating to landscape maintenance and stormwater regulations.

I agree that Zone 7 and my water service provider may visit the premises to verify existing conditions and that the work has been performed. By virtue of these inspections, I understand that Zone 7 and my water service provider makes no determination with respect to whether materials and equipment are free of defects, the quality of the workmanship, or the suitability of the premises, materials, or equipment for the installation. I also understand that the installation of irrigation equipment and landscape materials may not result in lower water bills.

I understand that photographs and/or video recordings will be taken of the property and the lawn conversion projects by participating water agencies as part of pre- and post- conversion site inspections. By accepting the rebate, the applicant shall release to the participating water agencies, its agents, and employees all rights to those media in print and electronic form, publicly and privately, for any purpose in the normal course of business. The applicant waives any rights, claims, or interest to control the likeness or identification used in any media format. Applicant understands that there will be no financial or other remuneration for recording the subject property for initial or subsequent transmission or playback.

I understand that receipts for any materials must be dated after Notice to Proceed is given. Once the rebate is approved and paid, applicants cannot re-submit new supporting documents for additional rebate funds.

I understand that I may be required to submit an IRS W-9 form to my water service provider to be eligible for this rebate. Subsequently, water providers may issue 1099 forms in January of the following year. I understand that it is recommended that applicants consult a tax professional to determine if their rebate is taxable.

I understand that the conversion must remain installed for a minimum of two years. An applicant may be charged some, or all, of the rebate amount at the discretion of the participating water agency if the applicant does not maintain the converted area.

If this Application is approved by Zone 7 and the work proceeds, I agree to defend, indemnify, and hold harmless Zone 7, my water service provider, its elected officials, officers, agents, and employees against any and all loss, liability, expense, claims, suits and damages, including attorneys' fees, arising out of or resulting from the installation of irrigation equipment and landscape materials.

I authorize my water service provider to make water consumption data available to Zone 7 for the purpose of measuring the success of these programs in conserving water.

If the project is within the Cities of Livermore, Pleasanton, or Dublin, the Applicant agrees to use all compost and mulch procured for this project on behalf of the city the project is located in for fulfillment of SB 1383 procurement requirements.

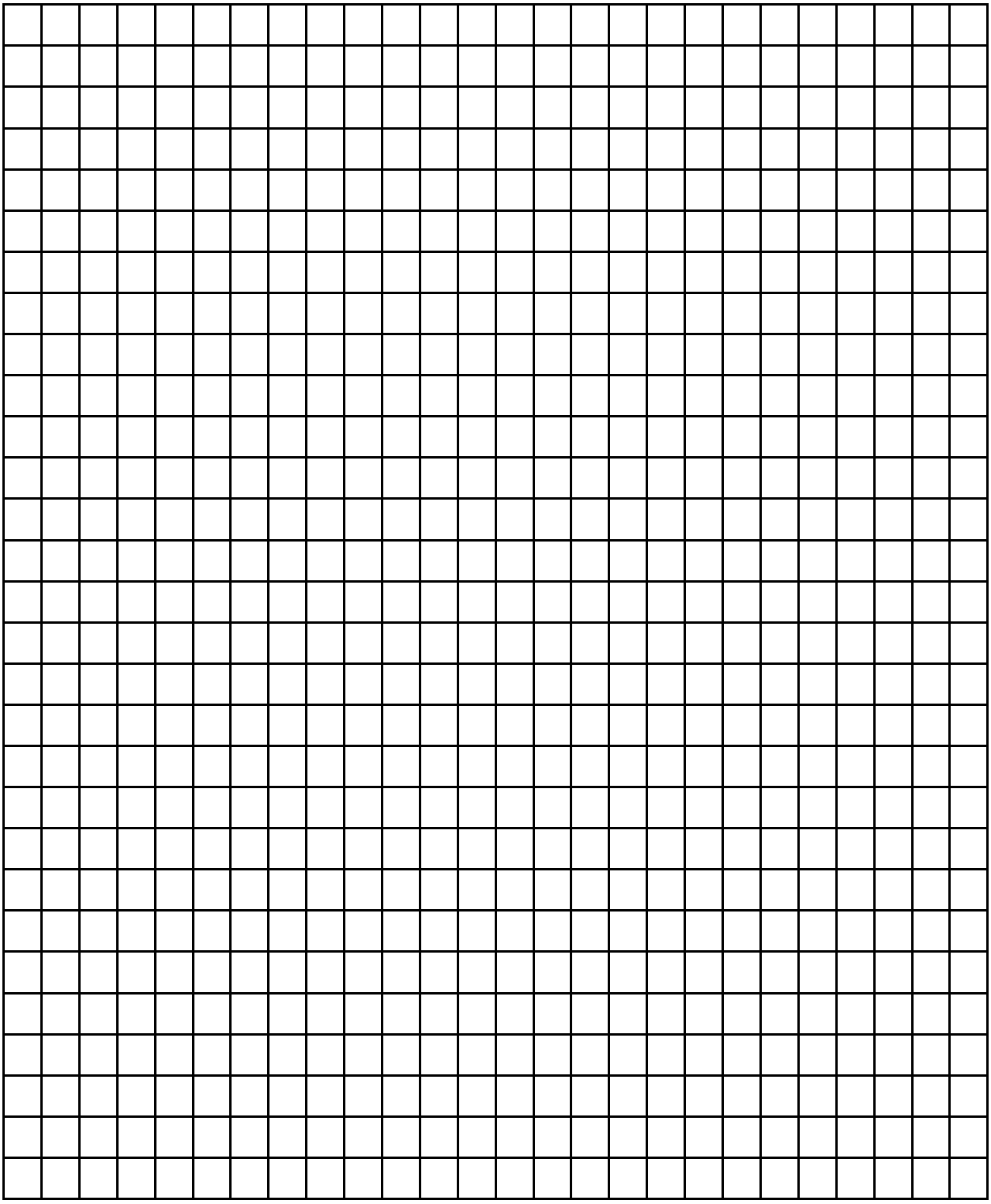
I agree to a pre- and/or post-installation inspection.

I have read, understand, and agree to the terms and conditions of this rebate program. Rebate is issued as a credit to your water bill or as a check.

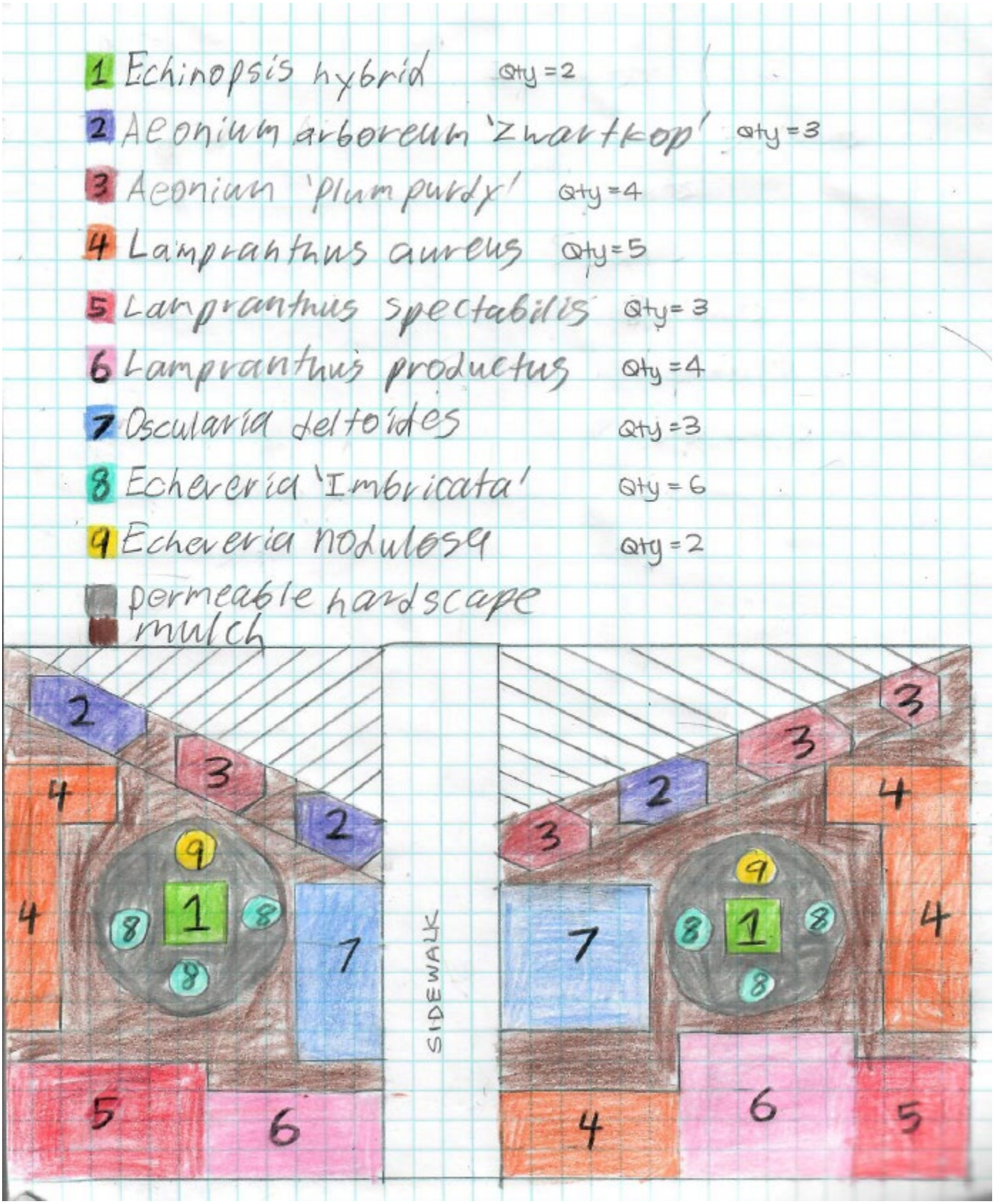
SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT: _____ DATE: _____

Project Grid

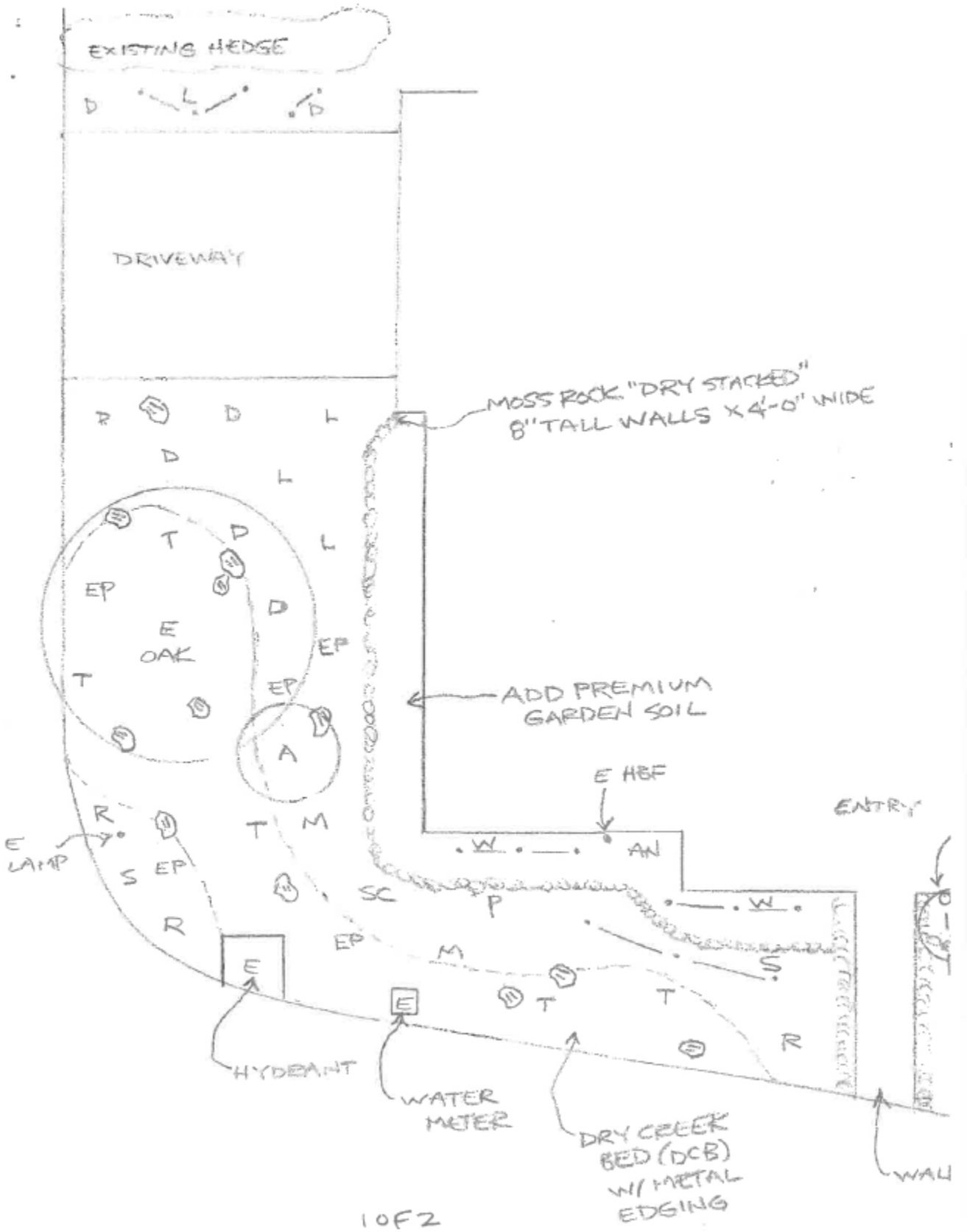
Please draw your proposed project plan from an aerial view. Include measurements, plant placement, mulched areas, and any proposed permeable hardscape areas or drip irrigation. Label design as front or back yard.



Example:


1 Echinopsis hybrid Qty = 2
2 Aeonium arboreum 'Zwartkop' Qty = 3
3 Aeonium 'plum purdy' Qty = 4
4 Lampranthus aureus Qty = 5
5 Lampranthus spectabilis Qty = 3
6 Lampranthus productus Qty = 4
7 Oscularia deltoides Qty = 3
8 Echeveria 'Imbricata' Qty = 6
9 Echeveria nodulosa Qty = 2
permeable hardscape mulch
SIDEWALK

Example:


EXISTING HEDGE
DRIVEWAY
MOSS ROCK "DRY STACKED" 8" TALL WALLS X 4'-0" WIDE
ADD PREMIUM GARDEN SOIL
E HBF
ENTRY
E LAMP
HYDRANT
WATER METER
DRY CREEK BED (DCB) W/ METAL EDGING
WALL
OAK