



ASSOCIATION OF PROFESSIONAL LANDSCAPE DESIGNERS®

California Chapter

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**APLD CALIFORNIA CHAPTER POSITION STATEMENT:  
EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS REGARDING STATE LAWS &  
REGULATIONS, AND INDUSTRY BEST PRACTICES**

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The Association of Professional Landscape Designers® (APLD®) is an international membership organization that provides a forum for the advancement of the profession of landscape design, as well as education to the public about landscape design. It is APLD's intent to educate and encourage its members to adhere to all laws and regulations governing the practice of landscape design and closely-related industries.

In the State of California, our California Chapter volunteer leaders have worked diligently to inform designers as to their role in educating consumers about California landscape contract law and the scope of our role as landscape designers. This effort has extended beyond traditional educational opportunities to include the Chapter's online forum. As is true of any organization, APLD cannot control opinions expressed by individual members, but can strive to educate those who are not fully informed and attempt to change their opinions.

The California Chapter recognizes the ongoing need to educate its membership on a wide range of legal and policy-related issues in the field of landscape design and construction. This includes compliance with California state law regarding the use of unlicensed companies to perform landscape work. Current law states that all jobs with a value over \$500 must be installed by a licensed landscape contractor.

Volunteer leaders from both APLD International and the California Chapter are working to identify key issues and to develop an effective strategy for disseminating this information to our membership. Our approach will include but not be limited to: presentations at meetings to enhance member awareness of regulations relevant to California landscape designers; continued monitoring of online and in-person member forums; and continued cooperation with affiliated organizations.

APLD will continue its practice of educating its members regarding all aspects of our industry and will do so at every opportunity. We value the relationships developed with affiliated organizations and look forward to continued partnership with all those interested in furthering our educational efforts.

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