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SAN DIEGO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

AGENDA ITEM

DATE: August 5, 2015

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TO: Board of Supervisors

SUBJECT: ASSISTING RESIDENTS AND BUSINESSES IMPACTED BY THE JULY 2015 RAINSTORM (DISTRICTS: ALL)

Overview

On March 6, 2002 (18), the Board of Supervisors amended the San Diego County Administrative Code to allow the waiver of plan check review and building permit fees for the rebuilding of structures in the unincorporated area that were damaged or destroyed by a wildfire or other natural disaster. When this occurs, the Board of Supervisors may adopt a resolution identifying the geographic areas affected by the disaster that are eligible for plan check review and building permit fee waivers.

The recent July 2015 Rainstorm resulted in unprecedented rain levels for San Diego County. The City of San Diego received 1.70 inches of rain over a two-day period (July 18-19) which broke records as the wettest July ever. The community of Ramona received the most rain in the region with a total of over 4 inches.

In an effort to assist property owners who sustained damage or suffered a total loss to legal structures in this rainstorm, this board letter will formally declare the unincorporated areas damaged by the July 2015 Rainstorm, as identified in a map to be finalized by the Director of Planning & Development Services and the County Office of Emergency Services, to be eligible for plan check review and building permit fee waivers.

Recommendation(s)

SUPERVISOR DIANNE JACOB

1. Waive Board Policy B-29, Fees, Grants and Revenue Contracts, Department Responsibility for Full Cost Recovery to eliminate the plan check review and building permit fees related to the rebuilding of legal structures of like size and location in the unincorporated area that were damaged or destroyed by the July 2015 Rainstorm.
2. Adopt a resolution entitled: "A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO BOARD OF SUPERVISORS DECLARING THE REBUILDING OF LEGAL STRUCTURES IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREA THAT WERE DAMAGED OR DESTROYED IN THE JULY 2015 RAINSTORM TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR PLAN CHECK

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REVIEW AND BUILDING PERMIT FEE WAIVERS”.

3. Authorize the Director of Planning & Development Services and the County Office of Emergency Services to finalize a map showing the boundaries of the geographical areas eligible for plan check review and building permit fee waivers as a result of the July 2015 Rainstorm.
4. Waive full cost recovery and authorize the Assessor/Recorder/County Clerk’s Office to issue replacement marriage licenses, death and birth certificates free of charge for victims of the July 2015 Rainstorm whose documents were damaged or destroyed as a result of the disaster.

Fiscal Impact

If approved, the waiver of County fees will reduce revenues and increase the net general fund allocation by an unknown amount at this time. There will be no increase in staff years.

Business Impact Statement

N/A

Advisory Board Statement

N/A

Background

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At the time of drafting this board letter, the known impacts of this rainstorm based on self-assessments are 5 businesses, 1 non-profit organization, 5 individual apartments and 189 single-family residences throughout the region. Almost all of these figures are located in the unincorporated community of Ramona.

In an effort to assist property owners who lost or sustained damage to legal structures in this rainstorm, this board letter will formally declare the area damaged by the July 2015 Rainstorm and make the property owners affected by this disaster eligible for plan check review and building permit fee waivers set forth in the County Administrative Code, Section 362.1 (d), Item 17, Section 362.2 (c), Item 1 and San Diego County Code of Regulatory Ordinance Section 65.107(m)(9).

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If approved, the proposed fee waivers would apply only to legally built structures of like size and location in the unincorporated area which have been damaged or destroyed by the July 2015 Rainstorm and are located within the boundaries of the geographical area that has been declared by resolution of this Board of Supervisors to be eligible for the fee waivers.

Today's action will expand on our efforts by helping individual property owners with plan check review, building permit fee waivers and provide critical documents free of charge, in order for them to get their feet on the ground and back into their homes.

I urge your support!

Linkage to the County of San Diego Strategic Plan

N/A

Respectfully submitted,

DIANNE JACOB
Supervisor, Second District

ATTACHMENT(S)
RESOLUTION

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AGENDA ITEM INFORMATION SHEET

REQUIRES FOUR VOTES: Yes No

WRITTEN DISCLOSURE PER COUNTY CHARTER SECTION 1000.1 REQUIRED
 Yes No

PREVIOUS RELEVANT BOARD ACTIONS:
N/A

BOARD POLICIES APPLICABLE:
N/A

BOARD POLICY STATEMENTS:
N/A

MANDATORY COMPLIANCE:
N/A

ORACLE AWARD NUMBER(S) AND CONTRACT AND/OR REQUISITION NUMBER(S):
N/A

ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT: District 2, Board of Supervisors

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