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Chula Vista Approves Updated Storm Water Manual

On February 19th, the Chula Vista City Council approved an update to the city's Storm Water Manual. The updated manual reflects the new requirements in the Regional Water Quality Control Board Permit issued in January 2007. The manual contains new requirements for infiltrating storm water runoff into onsite landscape areas ("Low Impact Development") and new requirements for controlling the amount and volume of runoff that can leave the site. The City of San Diego and the County of San Diego have also updated their standards. The San Diego City Council is expected to approve their updated manual on March 4, 2008. The county's ordinance changes go to the Board of Supervisors for approval on Wednesday, February 27, 2008. For more information on the new storm water standards for the San Diego region, click [here](#)

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Chula Vista Weighs New Transportation Impact Fee

On March 4, 2008, the Chula Vista City Council will consider a new traffic impact fee for the Western portion of the city. The fee - applied to residential and non-residential development - is estimated to be \$3,200 per equivalent dwelling unit and is part of a \$388 million road improvement program. A large portion of the residential fee, \$2,000, is required to comply with the Transnet sales tax extension, money which is to be directed to the Regional Arterial Network identified in the Transnet Ordinance passed in 2004. The BIA has raised concerns with the amount of the fee that exceeds the \$2,000 Transnet fee and the proposed commercial fees, which are cost-prohibitive. The BIA will continue to meet with city officials prior to the council hearing to resolve these concerns. The BIA will also be drawing on the help of its industry employees through our employee outreach program "Crusader" to urge the City Council to approve an equitable fee.

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County Board of Supervisors Reduces Traffic Impact Fees by 40%

On Wednesday, January 30th, in an unusual move, the County of Board of Supervisors voted 3 to 2 to approve a net 40% reduction in the Traffic Impact Fees (TIF) for commercial and industrial development. The fees for shopping centers and grocery stores have decreased by as much as 83%. Residential development fees rose slightly by 3% in some areas and fell by as much as 28% in other areas. Even with an 83% reduction, the commercial fees in some communities are still cost-prohibitive. Supervisors Bill Horn and Ron Roberts voted against the fee reductions because they felt that the decreases did not go far enough. The BIA will continue to work with the county on further fee reductions in an effort to have feasible commercial fees.

