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Oceanside Rejects \$30,000 Inclusionary Fee

On September 26th, the Oceanside City Council hosted a workshop on their draft Housing Element Update and the city's Inclusionary Housing In Lieu Fees. The city's Housing Commission sought an increase in the fees to \$30,383 per unit. At the urging of BIA and more than 35 individual opposition letters, and with the help of the North San Diego County Association of Realtors, the industry was successful in convincing the city council to reject the proposed increase and instead directed staff to review the city's inclusionary housing policies and find a better approach to the need for low-income housing. The city is expected to hold another workshop once they have developed some alternative approaches to the city's current policy and fee structure.

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San Diego Moving Aggressively on Changes to Stormwater Standards

The city of San Diego is moving forward with its plans to update the stormwater design standards in its Land Development Manual. The city is proceeding with the update to comply with the new stormwater permit (NPDES Permit) issued by the Regional Water Quality Control Board on January 24, 2007. The city is required to update standards by January 2008. The update is expected to involve significant revisions to the city's stormwater design standards and the various stormwater engineering solutions, known, as "Best Management Practices" that individual development projects are required to incorporate. The city is hosting a [public workshop](#) on October 24th from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Balboa Park Club Ballroom (2150 Pan American Road West) to present their proposed revisions to the city's stormwater standards. If you or your engineering consultants or colleagues are interested in participating in the update or wish to receive more information about the update, please contact [Chris Zirkle](#) with the city's General Services Department Storm Water Pollution Prevention Division at (619) 525-8644.

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County Water Authority Developing Model “Water-Wise” Landscape Ordinance

On October 12, 2007, the County Water Authority (CWA) will host its second annual [Water Conservation Summit](#). The summit will include three panel discussions on water conservation, recycled water, and partnerships between energy and water utilities. After the panel discussions will be several breakout sessions where the topics will include outdoor water conservation products, industry challenges and opportunities, and a draft “Model Water Efficient Landscaping Ordinance.” The BIA co-chaired a committee of stakeholders that has put the draft model ordinance together. The model ordinance is in response to California Assembly Bill 1881, signed into law by the Governor in September 2006, which requires all local cities and counties to adopt a water efficiency landscape ordinance. The County Water Authority has taken the initiative to develop a “model” ordinance for the region that local cities can adopt in lieu of having to develop their own ordinance to comply with the state legislation. The draft model ordinance addresses the region’s unique soil characteristics and arid conditions while maintaining high quality standards and a diverse variety of landscape alternatives.

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