

COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE

TRANSPORTATION AND LAND MANAGEMENT AGENCY

George A. Johnson · Agency Director Original Negative Declaration/Mapes of

Planning Department Determination was made to County Clerks for planning on.

Ron Goldman · Planning Director

10-22-09 Date
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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Office of Planning and Research (OPR) P.O. Box 3044 Sacramento, CA 95812-3044
 County of Riverside County Clerk

FROM: Riverside County Planning Department
 4080 Lemon Street, 9th Floor P. O. Box 1409 Riverside, CA 92502-1409

38686 El Cerrito Road Palm Desert, CA 92201

Project Title/Case No.: Ordinance 859.2 - An Ordinance of the County of Riverside Establishing Water-Efficient Landscape Requirements

Project Location: In the unincorporated area of Riverside County.

Project Description: The Water Conservation in Landscaping Act of 2006 (AB1881) requires the Department of Water Resources to, not later than January 1, 2009 by regulation, update the model ordinance in accordance with specified requirements. AB1881 requires local agencies to, not later than January 1, 2010, adopt the updated State Model Ordinance or a local water efficient landscape ordinance that is as effective in conserving water as the State's Model Ordinance or the State's Model Ordinance will automatically be adopted by statute. The project is the adoption of Riverside County Ordinance No. 859.2 A Landscape Water Use Efficiency Ordinance which is as effective as the State Model Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Riverside County

Project Sponsor: Riverside County Planning Department

Exempt Status: (Check one)

- Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268) Categorical Exemption (15307)
 Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a)) Statutory Exemption ()
 Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269 (b)(c)) Other: _____

Reasons why project is exempt: Adoption of the Ordinance is not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (Pub. Res. Code, sec. 21000 et seq.) (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15307 of the State CEQA Guidelines, California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Chapter 3. The adoption of Ordinance 859.2 is found to be a Class 7 exemption under CEQA as the ordinance assures the maintenance and protection of a natural resource (water) by requiring that the resource be conserved through the implementation of water-efficient landscaping practices.

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Kristi Lovelady Signature Principal Planner Title
September 29, 2009 Date

Date Received for Filing and Posting at OPR: _____

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ADOPTED by Riverside County Board of Supervisors on October 20, 2009 .

Verified by: Janet Thummel, Deputy Clerk on October 20, 2009

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