

**SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**



FROM: Supervisor Marion Ashley

SUBMITTAL DATE: February 25, 2008

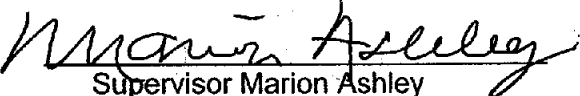
SUBJECT: Amendment to Ordinance No. 859 Establishing Water Efficient Landscape Requirements and Amendment to Ordinance No. 348 Providing for Land Use Planning and Zoning Regulations and Related Functions

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:

- 1) Introduce and set for public hearing Ordinance No. 859.1 and Ordinance 348.4548;
- 2) Direct the Planning Department to convene a workshop with representatives of the landscape industry, water districts, and builders within 90 days.
- 3) Direct the Planning Department to revise the County-wide Design Guidelines to ensure consistency with the proposed Ordinance revision.

BACKGROUND: In recognition of water conservation and conveyance issues facing our State, it is imperative that the County take practical steps to ensure wise water use. On December 19, 2006 the County Adopted Ordinance No. 859 which established water-efficient landscape requirements for commercial, industrial, and multi-family permits. It was anticipated that model home and subdivision perimeter landscaping would be phased in on January 1, 2008 and single family tract homes would be phased in on January 1, 2010. However, increasing concerns about water availability prompted County staff and representatives of the Building Industry Association to explore an accelerated phase-in process for single family tract homes.


Ordinance No. 859.1 (attached as Exhibit A) captures the anticipated phase-in of the model home and perimeter landscaping. It also reflects an accelerated phase-in of single family tract homes. Ordinance No. 348 has been amended to eliminate water-efficient landscape requirements (Ordinance 348.4548 is attached as Exhibit B). Such requirements for residential uses are now covered by Ordinance No. 859.1.


Supervisor Marion Ashley
Fifth District

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

On motion of Supervisor Ashley, seconded by Supervisor Tavaglione and duly carried by unanimous vote, IT WAS ORDERED that the above matter is approved as recommended and that the ordinance is approved as introduced with waiver of the reading and is set for public hearing on Tuesday, March 25, 2008 at 1:30 p.m.

Ayes: Buster, Tavaglione, Stone, Wilson and Ashley
Nays: None
Absent: None
Date: March 11, 2008
xc: Supv. Ashley, Planning, COB_{px}

Nancy Romero
Clerk of the Board
By 
Deputy

Ordinance No. 859 is the first of several steps toward wise water use. The next step is to reach out to our partners within the landscape supply industries to accelerate the conversion to drought tolerant landscaping products. It is important that we inform them of the County's new landscaping policies and the effect these policies may have on the demand for certain products. We should also encourage nursery and landscape supply representatives to stock sufficient quantities of drought tolerant plants, state of the art irrigation components, smart irrigation controllers, conversion components, and other essential products to meet the changing market demand.

County staff will continue to evaluate the changing needs of water use planning, coordinate with other agencies and jurisdictions, and monitor their water efficiency requirements.

Exhibit A
ORDINANCE NO. 859.1

AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 859 ESTABLISHING
WATER-EFFICIENT LANDSCAPE REQUIREMENTS

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Riverside Ordains as Follows:

Section 1. Section 3.A. of Ordinance No. 859 is hereby amended to read as follows:

- A. The water-efficient landscape requirements contained in this Ordinance shall be applicable to all discretionary permits and/or approvals for commercial, industrial, and residential uses, including but not limited to subdivision common areas and perimeter landscaping, except for grading permits relating to said commercial, industrial, and residential uses.

Section 2. This Ordinance shall take effect thirty (30) days after its adoption.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY
OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

By: _____
Chairman

ATTEST:

CLERK OF THE BOARD:

By: _____
Deputy

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APPROVED AS TO FORM
November 26, 2007

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Exhibit B
ORDINANCE NO. 348.4548

AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE
AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 348
PROVIDING FOR LAND USE PLANNING AND ZONING REGULATIONS
AND RELATED FUNCTIONS

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Riverside Ordain as Follows:

Section 1. Article XIXf of Ordinance No. 348 is hereby deleted in its entirety.

Section 2. This Ordinance shall take effect thirty (30) days after its adoption.

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