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FROM: TLMA - Planning Department

SUBMITTAL DATE:
May 19, 2008

SUBJECT: Riverside County Guide to California Friendly Landscaping

RECOMMENDED MOTION: Receive and File.

BACKGROUND: Ordinance No. 859 provides for the development of a Riverside County Guide to California Friendly Landscaping (Landscaping Guide). In the Fall of 2007, a draft Landscaping Guide was developed and circulated for review and comment to a wide variety of entities including water districts, cities, BIA, nurseries, landscape architects, and many others (please see Exhibit A). After incorporating a number of comments that were received, the Landscaping Guide was completed and now guides the way the Planning Department reviews landscaping plans for new development. A copy of the Guide is attached for your reference.

The primary purpose of the Landscaping Guide is two-fold. First and foremost, it promotes the water-efficient landscaping requirements of Ord. No. 859. Second, the document provides practical guidance concerning the fundamental components of landscape and irrigation plans. The guide also:

- Provides guidance on irrigation design and water budgets
- Ensures compliance with adopted landscaping/irrigation plans
- Demonstrates that California Friendly landscaping is attractive and attainable
- Establishes a California Friendly Plant List

The Planning Department is pleased to mention that the Landscaping Guide recently won the 2008 IES-APA Best Practices Award.

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DATE 6/2/08

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Departmental Concurrence

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