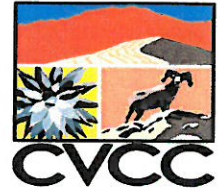


# COACHELLA VALLEY CONSERVATION COMMISSION



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June 10, 2015

Jay Orr  
County Executive Officer  
County of Riverside  
4080 Lemon street, 4th Floor  
Riverside CA, 92502

## RE: Notice of Automatic Inflation Adjustment for Local Development Mitigation Fee (Multiple Species Plan Fee)

Dear Mr. Orr:

The ordinance for the Local Development Mitigation Fee (LDMF or Multiple Species Plan Fee) requires an automatic annual adjustment:

**AUTOMATIC ANNUAL FEE ADJUSTMENT.** The Fee established by this Ordinance shall be revised annually by means of an automatic adjustment at the beginning of each fiscal year based on the average percentage change over the previous calendar year set forth in the Consumer Price Index for “All Urban Consumers” in the Los Angeles-Anaheim-Riverside Area, measured as of the month of December in the calendar year which ends in the previous fiscal year. The first Fee adjustment shall not be made prior to a minimum of ten (10) months subsequent to the effective date of this Ordinance.

The Consumer Price Index for “All Urban Consumers” in the Los Angeles-Anaheim-Riverside Area rose by 0.7% for calendar year 2014 (<http://www.bls.gov/ro9/cpilosa.htm>). The table below shows the current LDMF and the LDMF as of July 1, 2015.

Type of Land Use	Current Fee	Fee as of July 1, 2015
Commercial/Industrial (per acre)	\$5,769	\$5,809
Residential (fee is per unit)		
0-8 units per acre	\$1,292	\$1,301
8.1-14 units per acre	\$537	\$541
More than 14 units per acre	\$237	\$239

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Please be sure that your staff is aware of this fee increase and that your permit software updates to the new values on July 1, 2015.

The United States Fish and Wildlife Service and California Department of Fish and Wildlife (Wildlife Agencies collectively) are currently processing the Major Amendment to add the City of Desert Hot Springs to the Multiple Species Plan. When the permit is formally amended the LDMF will decrease 8%. While we hope this happens soon, our experience with the Wildlife Agencies is that any timelines are uncertain and there will be little warning before the permit is officially amended. In anticipation of this situation, the city resolutions lowering the fee have a 10 day delay between issuance of the amended permit and the fee reduction. CVCC will keep you informed as we know more and, in any case, will immediately inform you when the amended permit is issued.

Please do not hesitate to contact Jim Sullivan, 760-346-1127, [jsullivan@cvag.org](mailto:jsullivan@cvag.org), if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Tom Kirk  
Executive Director

cc: Planning Directors  
Building Directors  
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