

EL DORADO COUNTY CALIFORNIA
Chief Administrative Office

April 17, 2009

To: Board of Supervisors

From: Gayle Erbe-Hamlin, CAO

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Re: April 21, 2009 BOS Agenda Item #24 & #39

The Board will consider waiving building and environmental fees on April 21, 2009 in agenda items #29 and #39. If the Board chooses to approve these requests I would like to recommend we return with a contingency request for the effected departments to backfill them for the loss of any fees that they would have collected in FY 08/09. Our review of Development Services and Environmental Management revenues continues to show significant drop off in building and permit fees. I believe it would be appropriate to compensate the effected Departments for the waived fees instead of holding them accountable for the loss of revenue.

We are also currently reviewing requests to waive significant fees for two fire district projects, one for El Dorado County Fire (currently estimated at \$30,138) and another for El Dorado Hills Fire (still being determined). Waiving these fees is appropriate under Board policy B-2 however in the current climate the loss of these revenues to Development Services in particular just exacerbates an already bad revenue picture. In both these situations I would like to recommend the Board support using contingency to backfill the loss of the waived revenue.

Guidance from the Board on this issue is requested. Thank you.

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