



AGENDA MEMO

CITY COUNCIL MEETING DATE: SEPTEMBER 16, 2009

DEPARTMENT: PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

**ITEM DESCRIPTION: DIR-35626 APPLICANT/OWNER: CORTA BELLA
COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION**

**** CONDITIONS ****

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: APPROVAL, subject to:

Planning and Development

1. The applicant shall pay a fee to the City through the Planning and Development Department in the amount of \$1,800.00 to operate the water feature through December 31, 2009. This fee shall be paid within 30 days of the approval of this application. For subsequent years in which Drought Watch or Drought Alert is declared, an annual fee of \$250.00 shall be paid.
2. The applicant shall post a sign at the water feature to indicate an exemption has been received allowing its operation.

**** STAFF REPORT ****

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

This request is for a Water Feature Exemption to allow the operation of a 205 square-foot water feature at the entrance of a residential planned development located at 1900 Corta Bella Lane.

ANALYSIS

The applicant is requesting to activate an existing 205 square-foot water feature. The fountain was constructed February 1993 and is located at the entrance of the gated housing development. Under current drought conditions, a maximum of 25 square feet is permitted without receiving an exemption. The water feature at the subject site exceeds the maximum permissible area by 180 square feet. The applicant proposes no reduction in turf; therefore, Title 14.11.190 will require the applicant to pay an initial fee of \$10.00 per square foot of surface area that exceeds the allowable 25 square feet permitted, a cost totaling \$1,800.00. In subsequent years beginning January 1, 2011, Title 14.11 requires the property owner to pay an annual fee of \$250.00 during Drought Watch or Alert Conditions to continue operating the water feature.

FINDINGS

The applicant has been notified of the applicable costs, and agrees to comply with the requirements of Title 14.11. Staff is recommending approval of this request.

NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATIONS NOTIFIED N/A

ASSEMBLY DISTRICT N/A

SENATE DISTRICT N/A

NOTICES MAILED N/A

APPROVALS 0

PROTESTS 0