



Building Industry Association
of Fresno/Madera Counties, Inc.



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State Water Resources Control Board
P.O. Box 100
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RE: Board Agenda for September 19, 2011 Item 9

Dear Board Members:

On the agenda for the Board meeting on September 19 is "Item 9 – Consideration of a proposed Resolution adopting emergency regulations revising the core regulatory fee schedules...." The increases proposed to the schedule of fees are, to state it mildly, astronomical. At a time when the construction industry is struggling to stay afloat, it benefits no one to further burden projects with unreasonable cost increases.

The Building Industry Association of Fresno/Madera Counties (BIA) is opposed to the proposed increases. Jurisdictions throughout California are suspending, waiving, reducing and deferring fees in an effort to assist the homebuilding industry. Significant increases in any element of project costs are detrimental to the project's success.

The BIA urges the Board to consider other options, including reduction of the expenses and deferral or elimination of regulations until the economy improves.

Sincerely,

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