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TO: Coastal Commission and Other Interested Persons

FROM: Charles Lester, Executive Director
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SUBJECT: Filing Fee Increase Effective July 1, 2015
Information Item/No Commission Action Required

The Commission's Application filing fees are governed by the Coastal Act and implementing regulations. (See Pub. Res. Code § 30620(c); Cal Code Regs., tit. 14, § 13055.) Under the Commission's regulations, the filing fees are adjusted annually to account for inflation. The change from 2014 is 1.1 percent. The cumulative increase from 2008 to 2015 is 10.8 percent.

Specifically, the Commission's regulations provide:

"The fees established ... shall be increased annually by an amount calculated on the basis of the percentage change from the year in which this provision becomes effective in the California Consumer Price Index for Urban Consumers as determined by the Department of Industrial Relations pursuant to Revenue and Taxation Code Section 2212. The increased fee amounts shall become effective on July 1 of each year. The new fee amounts shall be rounded to the nearest dollar." (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 13055(c).)

This requirement to adjust annually for inflation became effective in March 2008. The fees generated are deposited into the Coastal Act Services Fund. Upon appropriation by the Legislature, the Commission may expend the money for implementation of the Coastal Act. Each year, \$500,000 (adjusted annually for inflation) is transferred to the State Coastal Conservancy's Coastal Access Account. (See Pub. Res. Code, §§ 30620.1 and 30620.2.)

Based on the Department of Industrial Relations CPI Index Calculator, the California Consumer Price Index for Urban Consumers between April 2008 thru April 2015 increased by 10.8%. (<http://www.dir.ca.gov/dlsr/CPI/CPICalc.xls>.)

The schedule of filing fees will be adjusted for inflation effective July 1, 2015. The new fee schedule will be posted on the Commission's website and is attached, hereto. (See Exhibit 1.) The final amended regulation will be available on the Commission's website following review and approval by the Office of Administrative Law.

No Commission action is required.

Attachments:

Exhibit 1: Filing Fee Chart

Exhibit 2: Filing Fee Revised Schedule for Permit Application Form (effective July 1, 2015)

EXHIBIT 1
Filing Fee Chart

| Fee # | CCC Filing Fee Category | March 2008 Original Filing Fee | Current Filing Fee | Fee Increase Based on Original Filing Fee at CPI 10.8% Inflation Rate | Rounded to the nearest \$1 |
|-------|--|--------------------------------|--------------------|---|----------------------------|
| 1 | Waiver | \$500 | \$ 548 | \$ 554.00 | \$ 554 |
| 2 | Administrative Permit | \$2,500 | \$ 2,740 | \$ 2,770.00 | \$ 2,770 |
| | Residential** | | | | |
| 3 | Up to 4 SFRs <1,500 sq. feet | \$3,000 | \$ 3,288 | \$ 3,324.00 | \$ 3,324 |
| 4 | Up to 4 SFRs 1,501<5,000 sq. feet | \$4,500 | \$ 4,932 | \$ 4,986.00 | \$ 4,986 |
| 5 | Up to 4 SFRs 5,001<10,000 sq. feet | \$6,000 | \$ 6,576 | \$ 6,648.00 | \$ 6,648 |
| 6 | Up to 4 SFRs >10,001 sq. feet | \$7,500 | \$ 8,220 | \$ 8,310.00 | \$ 8,310 |
| 7 | 5 or more SFRs average <1,500 sq. feet | \$15,000 | \$ 16,440 | \$ 16,620.00 | \$ 16,620 |
| | Or per residence* | \$1,000 | \$ 1,096 | \$ 1,108.00 | \$ 1,108 |
| 8 | 5 or more SFRs average 1,501<5,000 sq. feet | \$22,500 | \$ 24,660 | \$ 24,930.00 | \$ 24,930 |
| | Or per residence* | \$1,500 | \$ 1,644 | \$ 1,662.00 | \$ 1,662 |
| 9 | 5 or more SFRs average 5,001<10,000 sq. feet | \$30,000 | \$ 32,880 | \$ 33,240.00 | \$ 33,240 |
| | Or per residence* | \$2,000 | \$ 2,192 | \$ 2,216.00 | \$ 2,216 |
| 10 | 5 or more SFRs average >10,001 sq. feet | \$37,500 | \$ 41,100 | \$ 41,550.00 | \$ 41,550 |
| | Or per residence* | \$2,500 | \$ 2,740 | \$ 2,770.00 | \$ 2,770 |
| 11 | Attached Residential up to 4 units | \$7,500 | \$ 8,220 | \$ 8,310.00 | \$ 8,310 |
| 12 | More than 4 Attached Residential units | \$10,000 | \$ 10,960 | \$ 11,080.00 | \$ 11,080 |
| | Or per unit* | \$750 | \$ 822 | \$ 831.00 | \$ 831 |
| 13 | Subdivisions – up to 4 new lots | \$3,000 | \$ 3,288 | \$ 3,324.00 | \$ 3,324 |
| | More than 4 new lots | \$12,000 | \$ 13,152 | \$ 13,296.00 | \$ 13,296 |
| | Plus each additional lot | \$1,000 | \$ 1,096 | \$ 1,108.00 | \$ 1,108 |
| 14 | Grading <51 c.y. | \$0 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - |
| 15 | Grading 51<100 c.y. | \$500 | \$ 548 | \$ 554.00 | \$ 554 |
| 16 | Grading 101<1000 c.y. | \$1,000 | \$ 1,096 | \$ 1,108.00 | \$ 1,108 |
| 17 | Grading 1,001<10,000 c.y. | \$2,000 | \$ 2,192 | \$ 2,216.00 | \$ 2,216 |
| 18 | Grading 10,001<100,000 c.y. | \$3,000 | \$ 3,288 | \$ 3,324.00 | \$ 3,324 |

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|----|---|------------|------------|---------------|------------|
| 19 | Grading 100,001<200,000 c.y. | \$5,000 | \$ 5,480 | \$ 5,540.00 | \$ 5,540 |
| 20 | Grading >200,000 c.y. | \$10,000 | \$ 10,960 | \$ 11,080.00 | \$ 11,080 |
| | Commercial/Industrial Based on Gross Sq.Ft.** | | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - |
| 21 | Commercial/Industrial <1,000 sq. feet | \$5,000 | \$ 5,480 | \$ 5,540.00 | \$ 5,540 |
| 22 | Commercial/Industrial 1,001<10,000 sq. feet | \$10,000 | \$ 10,960 | \$ 11,080.00 | \$ 11,080 |
| 23 | Commercial/Industrial 10,001<25,000 sq. feet | \$15,000 | \$ 16,440 | \$ 16,620.00 | \$ 16,620 |
| 24 | Commercial/Industrial 25,001<50,000 sq. feet | \$20,000 | \$ 21,920 | \$ 22,160.00 | \$ 22,160 |
| 25 | Commercial/Industrial 50,001<100,000 sq. feet | \$30,000 | \$ 32,880 | \$ 33,240.00 | \$ 33,240 |
| 26 | Commercial/Industrial >100,001 sq. feet | \$50,000 | \$ 54,800 | \$ 55,400.00 | \$ 55,400 |
| | Commercial/Industrial Based on Devt Cost** | | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - |
| 27 | Commercial/Industrial <\$100,000 | \$3,000 | \$ 3,288 | \$ 3,324.00 | \$ 3,324 |
| 28 | Commercial/Industrial \$100,001<\$500,000 | \$6,000 | \$ 6,576 | \$ 6,648.00 | \$ 6,648 |
| 29 | Commercial/Industrial \$500,001<\$2,000,000 | \$10,000 | \$ 10,960 | \$ 11,080.00 | \$ 11,080 |
| 30 | Commercial/Industrial \$2,000,001<\$5,000,000 | \$20,000 | \$ 21,920 | \$ 22,160.00 | \$ 22,160 |
| 31 | Commercial/Industrial \$5,000,001<\$10,000,000 | \$25,000 | \$ 27,400 | \$ 27,700.00 | \$ 27,700 |
| 32 | Commercial/Industrial \$10,000,001<\$25,000,000 | \$30,000 | \$ 32,880 | \$ 33,240.00 | \$ 33,240 |
| 33 | Commercial/Industrial \$25,000,001<\$50,000,000 | \$50,000 | \$ 54,800 | \$ 55,400.00 | \$ 55,400 |
| 34 | Commercial/Industrial \$50,000,001<\$100,000,000 | \$100,000 | \$ 109,600 | \$ 110,800.00 | \$ 110,800 |
| 35 | Commercial/Industrial >\$100,000,000 | \$250,000 | \$ 274,000 | \$ 277,000.00 | \$ 277,000 |
| | Other | | | | |
| 36 | Emergency permit | \$1,000 | \$ 1,096 | \$ 1,108.00 | \$ 1,108 |
| 37 | Immaterial amendment | \$1,000 | \$ 1,096 | \$ 1,108.00 | \$ 1,108 |
| 38 | Material amendment | 50% of fee | | | |
| 39 | Extension or reconsideration for single-family residences | \$500 | \$ 548 | \$ 554.00 | \$ 554 |

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|----|---|----------------------|----------|-------------|----------|
| 40 | Extension or reconsideration for all other developments | \$1,000 | \$ 1,096 | \$ 1,108.00 | \$ 1,108 |
| 41 | Temporary Events - if administrative | \$1,000 | \$ 1,096 | \$ 1,108.00 | \$ 1,108 |
| 42 | Temporary Events - if not administrative | \$2,500 | \$ 2,740 | \$ 2,770.00 | \$ 2,770 |
| 43 | Permit Exemption | \$250 | \$ 274 | \$ 277.00 | \$ 277 |
| 44 | Continuance 1st Request | \$0 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - |
| 45 | Continuance for each subsequent request if approved by Commission | \$1,000 | \$ 1,096 | \$ 1,108.00 | \$ 1,108 |
| 46 | De Minimis Waiver or other Waivers | \$500 | \$ 548 | \$ 554.00 | \$ 554 |
| 47 | Boundary Determination | \$250 | \$ 274 | \$ 277.00 | \$ 277 |
| 48 | Boundary Adjustment | \$5,000 | \$ 5,480 | \$ 5,540.00 | \$ 5,540 |
| 49 | Lot Line Adjustment | \$3,000 | \$ 3,288 | \$ 3,324.00 | \$ 3,324 |
| 50 | After the Fact** | 5x normal permit fee | | | |
| 51 | Federal Consistency Certification*** | | | | |
| 52 | Appeal of a denial of a permit by local govt*** | | | | |

*Whatever total is greater.

** Subject to cap of \$55,400 (attached residential units) \$110,800 (residential) or \$277,000 (industrial/commercial).

***Fees and fee increases will vary depending on project type.

California Coastal Commission
Filing Fees Proposed Modifications per the Consumer Price Index

EXHIBIT 2

**COASTAL DEVELOPMENT PERMIT FORM
APPENDIX E**

FILING FEE SCHEDULE

(EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015)

**FEES WILL BE ADJUSTED EACH YEAR ON JULY 1, ACCORDING TO THE CALIFORNIA CONSUMER
PRICE INDEX**

- Pursuant to Government Code section 6103, public entities are exempt from the fees set forth in this schedule.
- Permits shall not be issued without full payment for all applicable fees. If overpayment of a fee occurs, a refund will be issued. Fees are assessed at the time of application, based on the project as proposed initially. If the size or scope of a proposed development is amended during the application review process, the fee may be changed. If a permit application is withdrawn, a refund will be due only if no significant staff review time has been expended (e.g., the staff report has not yet been prepared). Denial of a permit application by the Commission is not grounds for a refund.
- If different types of development are included on one site under one application, the fee is based on the sum of each fee that would apply if each development were applied for separately, not to exceed \$110,800 for residential development and \$277,000 for all other types of development.
- Fees for after-the-fact (ATF) permit applications shall be five times the regular permit application fee unless the Executive Director reduces the fee to no less than two times the regular permit application fee. The Executive Director may reduce the fee if it is determined that either: (1) the ATF application can be processed by staff without significant additional review time (as compared to the time required for the processing of a regular permit,) or (2) the owner did not undertake the development for which the owner is seeking the ATF permit.
- In addition to the above fees, the Commission may require the applicant to reimburse it for any additional reasonable expenses incurred in its consideration of the permit application, including the costs of providing public notice.
- The Executive Director shall waive the application fee where requested by resolution of the Commission. Fees for green buildings or affordable housing projects may be reduced, pursuant to Section 13055(h) of the Commission's regulations.

See Section 13055 of the Commission's regulations
(California Code of Regulations, Title 14)
for full text of the requirements

I. RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT¹

De minimis waiver ☐ \$ 554

Administrative permit ☐ \$ 2,770²

A. Detached residential development

Regular calendar for up to 4 detached, single-family dwelling(s)^{3,4}

1,500 square feet or less ☐ \$ 3,324/ea

1,501 to 5,000 square feet ☐ \$ 4,986/ea

5,001 to 10,000 square feet ☐ \$ 6,648/ea

10,001 or more square feet ☐ \$ 8,310/ea

Regular calendar for more than 4 detached, single-family dwellings^{3,4}

1,500 square feet or less ☐ \$ 16,620 or \$1,108/ea⁵
whichever is greater

1,501 to 5,000 square feet ☐ \$ 24,930 or \$1,662/ea⁵
whichever is greater

5,001 to 10,000 square feet ☐ \$ 33,240 or \$2,216/ea⁵
whichever is greater

10,001 or more square feet ☐ \$ 41,550 or \$2,770/ea⁵
whichever is greater

B. Attached residential development

2–4 units ☐ \$ 8,310

More than 4 units ☐ \$ 11,080 or \$831/ea⁶
whichever is greater

¹ Additional fee for grading applies. (See Section III.A of this fee schedule.)

² Additional fee will apply if the project is removed from the Administrative Calendar and rescheduled on the Regular Calendar.

³ "Square footage" includes gross internal floor space of main house and attached garage(s), plus any detached structures (e.g., guest houses, detached bedrooms, in-law units, garages, barns, art studios, tool sheds, and other outbuildings).

⁴ For developments that include residences of different sizes, the fee shall be based upon the average square footage of all the residences.

⁵ Not to exceed \$110,800.

⁶ Not to exceed \$55,400.

C. Additions or improvements

If **not** a waiver or an amendment to a previous coastal development permit, the fee is assessed according to the schedule in A. above (i.e., based on the calendar and/or size of the addition, plus the grading fee, if applicable).

If handled as an amendment to a previous coastal development permit, see Amendments (in Section III.F).

II. OFFICE, COMMERCIAL, CONVENTION, INDUSTRIAL (INCLUDING ENERGY FACILITIES), AND OTHER DEVELOPMENT NOT OTHERWISE IDENTIFIED IN THIS SECTION^{7,8,9}

A. Based on Gross Square Footage

| | | |
|---|--------------------------|-----------|
| 1,000 square feet (gross) or less | <input type="checkbox"/> | \$ 5,540 |
| 1,001 to 10,000 square feet (gross) | <input type="checkbox"/> | \$ 11,080 |
| 10,001 to 25,000 square feet (gross) | <input type="checkbox"/> | \$ 16,620 |
| 25,001 to 50,000 square feet (gross) | <input type="checkbox"/> | \$ 22,160 |
| 50,001 to 100,000 square feet (gross) | <input type="checkbox"/> | \$ 33,240 |
| 100,001 or more square feet (gross) | <input type="checkbox"/> | \$ 55,400 |

B. Based on Development Cost¹⁰

| | | |
|--|--------------------------|------------|
| Development cost up to and including \$100,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> | \$ 3,324 |
| \$100,001 to \$500,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> | \$ 6,648 |
| \$500,001 to \$2,000,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> | \$ 11,080 |
| \$2,000,001 to \$5,000,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> | \$ 22,160 |
| \$5,000,001 to \$10,000,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> | \$ 27,700 |
| \$10,000,001 to \$25,000,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> | \$ 33,240 |
| \$25,000,001 to \$50,000,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> | \$ 55,400 |
| \$50,000,001 to \$100,000,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> | \$ 110,800 |
| \$100,000,001 or more | <input type="checkbox"/> | \$ 277,000 |

⁷ The fee shall be based on either the gross square footage or the development cost, whichever is greater.

⁸ Additional fee for grading applies. (See section III.A of this schedule).

⁹ Pursuant to section 13055(a)(5) of the Commission's regulations, this category includes all development not otherwise identified in this section, such as seawalls, docks and water wells.

¹⁰ Development cost includes all expenditures, including the cost for planning, engineering, architectural, and other services, made or to be made for designing the project plus the estimated cost of construction of all aspects of the project both inside and outside the Commission's jurisdiction.

III. OTHER FEES

A. Grading¹¹

| | | | |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|----|--------|
| 50 cubic yards or less | <input type="checkbox"/> | \$ | 0 |
| 51 to 100 cubic yards..... | <input type="checkbox"/> | \$ | 554 |
| 101 to 1,000 cubic yards..... | <input type="checkbox"/> | \$ | 1,108 |
| 1,001 to 10,000 cubic yards..... | <input type="checkbox"/> | \$ | 2,216 |
| 10,001 to 100,000 cubic yards..... | <input type="checkbox"/> | \$ | 3,324 |
| 100,001 to 200,000 cubic yards..... | <input type="checkbox"/> | \$ | 5,540 |
| 200,001 or more cubic yards..... | <input type="checkbox"/> | \$ | 11,080 |

B. Lot line adjustment¹²

| | | |
|--------------------------|----|-------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | \$ | 3,324 |
|--------------------------|----|-------|

C. Subdivision¹³

| | | | |
|---------------------------|--------------------------|----|---|
| Up to 4 new lots | <input type="checkbox"/> | \$ | 3,324/ea |
| More than 4 new lots..... | <input type="checkbox"/> | \$ | 13,296 plus \$1,108 for each lot above 4 |

D. Administrative permit.....

| | | |
|--------------------------|----|---------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | \$ | 2,770 ¹⁴ |
|--------------------------|----|---------------------|

E. Emergency permit

| | | |
|--------------------------|----|---------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | \$ | 1,108 ¹⁵ |
|--------------------------|----|---------------------|

F. Amendment

| | | | |
|---|--------------------------|----|-----------------------|
| Immaterial amendment | <input type="checkbox"/> | \$ | 1,108 |
| Material amendment [50% of fee applicable to underlying permit if it were submitted today] | <input type="checkbox"/> | \$ | _____ (calculate fee) |

G. Temporary event which requires a permit pursuant to Public Resources Code section 30610(i)

| | | | |
|--|--------------------------|----|-------|
| If scheduled on administrative calendar..... | <input type="checkbox"/> | \$ | 1,108 |
| If not scheduled on administrative calendar..... | <input type="checkbox"/> | \$ | 2,770 |

H. Extension¹⁶ and Reconsideration

| | | | |
|------------------------------|--------------------------|----|-------|
| Single-family residence..... | <input type="checkbox"/> | \$ | 554 |
| All other development | <input type="checkbox"/> | \$ | 1,108 |

¹¹ The fee for grading is based on the cubic yards of cut, plus the cubic yards of fill.

¹² A lot line adjustment is between adjoining parcels where the land taken from one parcel is added to an adjoining parcel, and where a greater number of parcels than originally existed is not thereby created.

¹³ The fee is charged for each parcel created in addition to the parcels that originally existed.

¹⁴ Additional fee will apply if the project is removed from the Administrative Calendar and rescheduled on the Regular Calendar.

¹⁵ The emergency application fee is credited toward the follow-up permit application fee.

¹⁶ If permit extension is objected to by the Commission and the application is set for a new hearing, then a new application fee is required, based on type of development and/or applicable calendar.

I. Request for continuance

1st request..... ☐ No charge

Each subsequent request
(where Commission approves the continuance) ☐ \$ 1,108

J. De minimis or other waivers ☐ \$ 554

K. Federal Consistency Certification¹⁷
[The fee is assessed according to sections I, II, and III, above]..... ☐ \$ _____

L. Appeal of a denial of a permit by a local government¹⁸
[The fee is assessed according to sections I, II, and III, above] ☐ \$ _____

M. Written Permit Exemption..... ☐ \$ 277

N. Written Boundary Determination ☐ \$ 277

O. Coastal Zone Boundary Adjustment..... ☐ \$ 5,540

TOTAL SUBMITTED

\$

TO BE COMPLETED BY STAFF

SUBMITTED FEE VERIFIED BY:

DATE:

IS SUBMITTED AMOUNT CORRECT?

☐ Yes. Applicant has correctly
characterized the development,
and payment is appropriate.

☐ Applicant did not fill out form,
thus staff has marked the form
to compute the fee, and applicant
has paid fee.

☐ No. Why?

REFUND OR ADDITIONAL FEE REQUIRED? (STATE REASON)

☐ Refund amount (_____)

☐ Additional fee amount (_____)

REMINDER: RECORD FEE PAYMENT IN PERMIT LOG

FINAL FEE VERIFIED BY: (TO BE COMPLETED AFTER COMMISSION ACTION)

DATE:

¹⁷ Fees for federal consistency items will be assessed now that the Commission has received approval from NOAA to amend the California Coastal Management Program.

¹⁸ Pursuant to Public Resources Code section 30602 or 30603(a)(5).