

Attachment D  
Fee Waiver Request  
And  
Correspondence

Lewis & Katherine Richardson  
PLN090087

May 24, 2012

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TO: Ramon Montano

Please acknowledge receipt of this document by email to [KMDF1@aol.com](mailto:KMDF1@aol.com)

Thank you,

Katherine Richardson

# MONTEREY COUNTY RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AGENCY



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### FEE WAIVER REQUEST

Property Owner: Lewis & Katherine Richardson  
 Address: 24522 Rimrock Cyn Rd  
 City/State/Zip: Salinas, CA 93908  
 Phone: 831 484-2912  
 Email: KMDF1@aol.com

Agent: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Assessors Parcel Number: 416-601-011  
 Description of Project: Please see attachment one

Fee Waiver Justification: Please see attachment two

(attach additional information if needed)

Department use only	
Given out: <u>R. Math</u>	By: _____
Received: _____	By: <u>R. Math</u>
Referred to other agencies: <u>NO</u>	
Fee waived by Director? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	Date: _____
Basis for Waiver <u>See Attached Summary -</u>	
Amount of Fees Waived: Planning & Building	<u>3,835.98</u>
Health	<u>239.25</u>
WRA	<u>358.51</u>
PWD	<u>425.75</u>

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Attachment One

Description of Project:

The description of the project has changed from the size of the tanks to the need (recommended or required). It is replacing two 20,000 or 25,000 gallon tanks with one 120,000 gallon tank. It minimizes the risk of this replacement and transfers liability to the unwilling property owners.

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Attachment Two

Some of the reasons for the fee waiver:

1. We simply cannot afford it. Please see cover letter submitted with appeal. Please also see letter submitted by LWV Salinas and Monterey Peninsula re: Appeal fees being examined, re-assessed for amount.
2. As unwilling applicants we should not have to pay exorbitant amounts to protect our property rights and our domestic tranquility from those who would destroy the surrounding scenic easement while creating danger and risk to neighbors and ourselves.
3. We know Cal-Am has the right to access the easement to inspect and make repairs on the storage tanks. But Cal-Am's original justification for needing a tank replaced was that it was leaking. This changed to a need for larger tanks for better fire protection for some homes. The number of homes or structures changed and increased. The representation of the size of the tanks decreased. Then Cal-Am representatives stated that one tank leaked intermittently. Cal-Am did not reveal other tanks in the area to us. We have owned this home and lived here for 9 years. Cal-Am's inspections have been sporadic and unprofessional, as we have not been sent any notice of inspections or their results. Now we have a tank of undetermined size that is either leaking or intermittently leaking, and questions about water main locations accessing our property.
4. There is no baseline data of the Ambler Water System that has been provided to us.
5. Please read the entirety of the Appeal and reasons given.

APN 416-601-001

Montano, Ramon x5169

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**From:** Kmdf1@aol.com  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 27, 2012 12:27 PM  
**To:** Montano, Ramon x5169  
**Cc:** 112-Clerk of the Board Everyone  
**Subject:** Re: PLN090087

June 27,2012

Subject: Request for Fee Waiver

Dear Mr. Montano:

My husband and I are both seniors. With this "down" economy, we are struggling month to month to pay our mortgage, bills and property taxes. What savings we have are slowly dwindling. My husband has had to terminate his associates due to lack of business. He, therefore, has to do all the work himself. And, how long he is able to do this is a big question considering his age. Our real estate and stock market investments have dropped like everyone else's. Our social security checks we thought would be our savings are all used for expenditures. Our retirement which once seemed so secure has faded fast.

The letter requesting documentation to support my statement that we are unable to afford the appeal fee I never received. Nor did I receive an email regarding this request. It was only yesterday June 26,2012 when I talked to Mr. Montano that I became aware that I needed the documentation to be submitted today June 27,2012. This time frame seems patently unfair.

The \$5040.00 appeal fee has to be considered unaffordable to most Monterey County residents. Where is the justice in keeping the people's voice from being heard? Is it only the money?

The Monterey County Planner that was assigned to this application was Valerie Negrete. We understand you took over as she was out of the office on a lengthy leave. Cal Am/Ambler water apparently pushed to have this moved forward, so you were assigned to it in her absence. She has a significant amount of knowledge about this and took time to make a site visit. I also understand that she is the planner on yet other Cal Am Ambler Water storage tank size increases. My question is, now that Ms Negrete has returned to her office, will she be the one handling this application?

Respectfully,  
Katherine Richardson

07/03/2012