



Agenda Item Number: 2009-2-9B

BERNALILLO COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Meeting Date: February 10, 2009

Department: Economic Development **Staff Contact:** Daniel Gutiérrez, ED Coordinator.
Sandy Fish, Planning and Zoning Director
Julie M. Baca, Deputy County Manager for
Community Services

TITLE: Impact Fee Waiver for The Western Group

ACTION: Motion to approve an Economic Base Development Impact Fee Waiver for The Western Group.

SUMMARY:

The Western Group is requesting an Economic Base Development Impact Fee waiver for the plant expansion located at 5811 Edith Blvd NE. The company is in the process of expanding their product lines, becoming a full manufacturer and equipment supplier for the Sand, Gravel and Mining industries. The Impact Fee Ordinance provides an Economic Base Development fee exemption for qualified projects in unincorporated Bernalillo County. To qualify for the exemption, the applicant must demonstrate positive economic gains to Bernalillo County.

The Western Group plant in Albuquerque has operated since 1984. In 1989, the company expanded to the Edith location that comprises 34,000 square foot office, warehouse, and manufacturing space. The Western Group recently purchased 3.3 acres contiguous to the current facility and has applied for an impact fee waiver for the construction of an 10,500 square foot facility expansion.

The company estimates a sales growth of \$2,000,000 with the addition of 6 to 8 new jobs by 2010. The company intends to be in operation for the minimum 10-year period. The company has agreed to all the conditions set forth in the ordinance. The proposed project must meet the Economic Base Development Waiver Application criteria. The applicant has addressed these requirements in its application for waiver.

ATTACHMENT:

1. Economic Base Development Waiver Application and Submittal packet

FISCAL IMPACT

The fiscal impact associated with the waiver is the amount of waiver: \$33,478.

STAFF ANALYSIS SUMMARY

COUNTY MANAGER

See summary. I recommend Board approval. TL 2/6/2009

LEGAL

The waiver is allowed by Ordinance. Approved as to form. JSL 02/05/09

FINANCE

Budget

Approval of this agenda item will allow the County to waive fees associated with this project, in the amount of \$33,478. The FY09 budget for impact fees is \$1,039,800. These fees are being waived because the contractor will create jobs in the County and therefore, approval of this waiver will bring forward positive gains. Pat Vigil, Financial Administrator 2/4/2009

ELECTED OFFICIAL/OTHERS

Zoning

The Impact Fee Administrator has reviewed the proposed project and estimated fees at \$33, 478 for a 10,500 square-foot facility. It appears that the project meets the criteria for a waiver of fees and we recommend approval. SNF 2/3/09