



PRESENTATION TO:

CV WATER ACADEMY FEBRUARY 18, 2020

Mission Statement:

The DVBA is the Trade Association of the Building Industry Professionals, representing all levels of the construction industry and committed to ensuring that building of all types remains vibrant and strong in our region.

We are dedicated to providing excellence in community development while protecting the natural beauty of the Coachella & Imperial Valleys.

We are engaged with over 50 Agencies comprised of:

Local City Governments & County Agencies

School Districts

Water Districts

Air Quality Management Agencies &

Regional Transportation Agencies &

Variety of Other Regulatory Agencies

Throughout the Region & at the

State/National Levels



The DVBA is a partner/participant with:

- ✓ **California League of Cities – Only Building Industry Partner in the State**
- ✓ **Coachella Valley Housing Coalition (CVHC) – Advisory Board Member**
 - ✓ **College of the Desert – Advisory Board Member**
- ✓ **Coachella Valley Regional Housing Trust Foundation – Board Member**
 - ✓ **California Desert Association of Realtors Partner Member**
 - ✓ **Palm Springs Association of Realtors Partner Member**
- ✓ **Greater Coachella Valley Chamber of Commerce Partner Member**
 - ✓ **Palm Springs Chamber of Commerce Partner Member**
 - ✓ **Indian Wells Chamber of Commerce Partner Member**

DVBA also maintains as a Separate Subsidiary:

“The Coachella Imperial Valleys Strategies PAC”

Involved with Local & County Elections & Issues

How Many Houses Are Being Built?

Last building boom (2008!!) saw nearly 8,800 permits issued across the 9 Coachella Valley Cities....

But how does it look since the Economic Downturn?

While we are told it ended in 2013 – the Reality is this

2015..... 794 permits issued

2016..... 742 permits issued

2017..... 900 permits issued

2018..... 995 permits issued (Only 5 more than the prior year!)

*2019.....January thru December – ONLY 1146 Single Family Permits Issued
Definitely NOT meeting the need*



One potential impediment to New Housing:

Obtaining a “Will Serve Letter” from the Appropriate Water Purveyor or District

- ✓ The Will Serve Letter is the Agencies formal quote of water &/or sewer connection fees.
- ✓ A Will Serve Letter comes with conditions outlining the water and sewer service to a particular parcel.
- ✓ It is also the Agencies “conditional” commitment to serve new customers.

While many agencies provide this documentation within a timely basis, it is simply the first step in obtaining the necessary water usage for a project. More burdensome may ultimately become the cost of connection to the service provider.

One further caveat – SB 610 –Proposed & adopted September 2001 by the California Legislature, signed into law by Governor Jerry Brown, requires a further condition on 500 or more units to provide proof of available service for 20 years (in minimum 5-year increments).

Does New Housing Pay for Itself?

Why yes it does!

Phase One – Builder/Developers Spend \$\$ on Trades, Materials & Staffing – Workers earn those Wages and so the money Starts into the Local Economy

(and of course – let's not forget those pesky FEES we all pay to the various agencies to allow us to Build!)

Phase Two – Spending those wages & profits! – Dining, Shopping, Tutors for the Kids!!... the list is endless and the ripple of \$\$ continues

***Phase Three – And the Benefits Last!
Once occupied – more \$\$ go out into the local economy –
Continuing to generate Continuing Economic Growth & Stability***



Why isn't More Housing of all types being built?

Burdens to housing starts:

Land Costs – available/finished lots are diminishing in availability

Fees – ever increasing costs of permitting

Length of time to gain approvals

Environmental Challenges

NIMBY Challenges

Materials/Construction Labor Costs ever-increasing

How can Cities/Counties/State help?

Thoroughly review/adjust to appropriate levels development and impact fees –

Reductions as appropriate rather than annual/ever increasing fee costs

Expedited processing of plan submittals versus multiple years of

review/revisions/rejections.....

TIME IS MONEY and starting COMMUNITIES is good for Meeting the Need!!

Work with the Development Community to provide the best quality of housing for ALL!

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