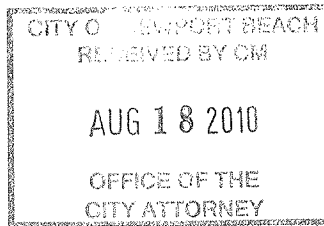


August 5, 2010

Dave Kiff, City Manager
and
Steve Parker, Fire Chief

3300 Newport Blvd.
Newport Beach, CA 92663



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Dear Mr. Kiff and Mr. Parker:

Pursuant to the Public Records Act (Govt. Code Section 6250 et seq), I am requesting that I be provided with copies of all documentation related to the City's or other's fuel modification programs or fuel break zones for Sunset Ridge and Banning Ranch. I am also requesting all communications originated from either the City of Newport Beach to the owners of Banning Ranch, or from the owners of Banning Ranch to the City of Newport Beach, as well as communications to and from all public and private agencies that have been or will be involved in mowing on Sunset Ridge or Banning Ranch.

These documents could include, but not be limited to:

1. Records on file held by any division or employee pertaining to any/all fuel modification programs with specific emphasis on Sunset Ridge or Banning Ranch or pertaining to development of Banning Ranch for the period of February 15, 2002 to present.
2. Persons believed to hold such communications at the City of Newport Beach (please note that persons may have information on the topic while in various titled positions, as may have their predecessors and/or successors) include, but are not limited to:
 - Newport Beach City Council, Planning Commission and Department of Planning and City's Manager Office
3. Communications between City and County, State and Federal agencies and government representatives including but not limited to:
 - United States Army Corps of Engineers
 - United States Fish & Wildlife Service
 - Department of Fish & Game
 - California Coastal Commission
 - County of Orange
 - Orange County Fire Authority
 - Municipal Water District
 - Mesa Consolidated Water District.

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Form of information includes, but is not limited to email communications, memos, reports (including biological studies), letters, maps, charts, applications, other forms of correspondence, calendars, meeting notes, telephone logs and all information held in cyberspace. Govt. Code Section 6257 requires release of all reasonably segregable portions of the requested records which are not themselves exempt from mandatory disclosure. To the extent that you believe any document is exempt from disclosure, please describe the document and cite the exact exemption that you believe applies.

In order to help you determine my status for the purpose of assessing fees, you should know that I am an individual representing the Sierra Club Banning Ranch Park and Preserve task force, seeking information for use on behalf of the public interest, and not for a commercial use. I request a waiver

of fees for this request because disclosure of the requested information to me is in the public interest as it is likely to contribute significantly to the public understanding of the activities of the City of Newport Beach, will assist with protection of the environment and is not in any way for a commercial interest.

However, I am willing to pay fees for this request up to a maximum of \$100. If you estimate the fees will exceed this limit, please inform me first. Should you wish to discuss any aspect of this request, please do not hesitate to contact me at the phone number listed below.

Pursuant to the Public Records Act, you are required to respond to this request within ten (10) days per Govt. Code Section 6256. If you will call me please when this information is ready I will be happy to pick it up from your office. Thank you for your cooperation with this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kevin Nelson", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Kevin Nelson

Banning Ranch Park and Preserve Task Force

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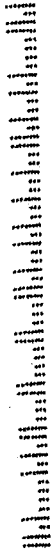
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