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Variance Request Form
for Marina Coast Water District

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PART A – APPLICANT INFORMATION

Requested Variance (include District Code Section) 2.08.020

Date of Submittal of Variance Request July 24, 2012

Has applicant applied for the same or similar variance previously? ☐ YES ☒ NO ☐ UNKNOWN

If YES, to above, please provide details

Request:

Name of Applicant (Contact) Veterans Employment & Training (VET), [John P. Garske, M.S., CRC]

Applicant Relationship to Owner: Professional service provider partner in Veterans services

Billing Name (if different from above)

Street/Mailing Address for Variance City State Zip: 2847 3rd Avenue, Marina, CA 93933

Street/Mailing Address for Billing (if different) City State Zip: 3180 Imjin Road, Suite 154, Marina, CA 93933

Daytime Phone Number 831-224-7227

Fax Number

PART B – BASIS OF VARIANCE REQUEST

1. The strict application of the code would result in unfair or unequal treatment, undue hardship, or an emergency condition exists which requires that the variance be granted; and,
2. Granting the variance will not cause a significant adverse effect on the water supply or on service to other persons served by the district; and,
3. The variance is in the best interests of the district. This variance request may only be based on the above conditions. Please briefly describe the basis of your request and provide documentation of need

in Part C. If further space is required in the completion of this form, provide a note of such and attach supporting documentation with application.

1. I will address this part of the requirements by addressing an undue hardship and an emergency condition which requires that the variance be granted.
 - a. The undue hardship is the unemployment of our homeless veterans.
 - b. The emergency condition is the unemployment of our homeless veterans. The Veterans Thrift Store Employment Program which was designed to employ homeless veterans cannot move forward without water. Vocational Rehabilitation Specialists Inc. (VRSI) a Homeless Veterans Reintegration Program [and employment] organization and the Monterey County Veterans Transition Center have well over 100 homeless veterans who want and are capable of work. Demographically our region of central California is the second largest population of homeless veterans in the entire USA. Through this employment program we will employ and train homeless veterans.
 - c. Unemployment in general is widely known to be a significant issue in the U.S., and even more so with our veteran population; but, it is an "emergency condition" with our homeless veterans!
2. Granting the variance will clearly not cause any adverse effect on the water supply or on service to other persons served by the district. Water mains have already been installed all along the side of the property on 3rd Avenue as preparation of the Dunes project; which is no longer being built and therefore there must be an abundance of water available. Even without that taken into consideration this projects water use is minimal.
3. The variance is in the best interest of the district, the city of Marina, Monterey County, and the United States of America! Employing homeless veterans is in the best interest of us all.

PART C – EVIDENCE TO SUPPORT VARIANCE

Provide documentation to support your request. Documentation should concisely prove the need for a variance. Please list documents below and attach copies with your application. Original records will not be returned. N/A.

PART D – REQUESTED ACTION

What specific action are you requesting that the Board take?

Please waive all fees and/or costs of connecting water to this property.

Although we have a Department of Labor Grant to help with the wages of the homeless veterans, property dedicated to the project by Veterans Transition Center, and support staff from Vocational Rehabilitation Specialists Inc. (VRSI) we do not have additional funds to pay for the initial water connection. Connecting the water is the biggest issue holding us back at this time.

 X I understand that the application for a variance does not guarantee a variance will be granted.

 X I have contacted the owner and he has given permission to process this application, or I am the property owner.

Applicant:

Applicant's Name: John P. Garske, M.S., CRC, Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor

Applicant's Signature: John P. Garske

Date: 7/24/12

PART D – GENERAL MANAGER’S RECOMMENDATION (for internal use by Marina Coast Water District)

- ☐ Having fully considered the above application for variance, I find that the Application has NOT proven by clear and convincing evidence that the requirements of Section 2.08 Variances have been met. Based on the foregoing, a VARIANCE IS NOT RECOMMENDED.
- ☐ Having fully considered the above application for variance, I find that the Applicant has proven by clear and convincing evidence that the requirements of Section 2.08 Variances have been met. Based on the foregoing, a VARIANCE IS RECOMMENDED.

This request will be on the Marina Coast Water District Board agenda currently scheduled for _____. Please call the District to confirm this date.

Explanation _____

Signature of District General Manager

Date