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UPDATE

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PRESIDENT/CEO UPDATE

Robert Keenan, President/CEO

FEE DEFERRALS CONTINUED . . .

The Porterville School District has voted to defer school fees effective immediately. They join Burton School District. We look forward to Visalia and Tulare districts also deferring fees soon.

TAX CREDIT EXTENSION . . .

\$100 million new homebuyers tax credit going fast. The state reports that one third of the funds have already been used for purchasing "previously unoccupied" single family homes (new construction/inventory).

In Kings County, residential building permits rose from 3 in February to 22 in March and in Tulare County from 78 in February to 85 in March.

This program generated \$16,000 in funds to the state for each new home built in California and since the \$10,000 tax benefit is spread over 3 years, this program generates a net gain to the state budget.

The HBATK and CBIA are supporting the extension of this program since the official funding could be gone by Fall. This program is revitalizing the residential construction industry, putting people back to work and providing much needed housing.

FEMA . . .

The HBA's FEMA Flood Committee is chaired by David Wind, Sundowner Homes. This committee has requested that the FEMA Flood Map be addressed by the Visalia City Council on May 4th and the Tulare County Board of Supervisors on May 5th. The action requested is for both elected bodies to petition Senator Dianne Feinstein and Congressman Devin Nunes to have FEMA halt the implementation of the new maps on June 16th and re-open the issue based on several "omissions, miscalculations and unsubstantiated assumptions in the FEMA Flood Map posted for public comment between January and March of '08.

LOCAL EVENTS

NO GENERAL LUNCHEON IN MAY

Golf Tournament in lieu of general meeting.



**20th Annual
Golf Tournament**

Thursday, May 14, 2009

River Island Golf Course
31989 River Island Drive, Porterville CA

COST: \$125 per player
11:00 a.m. - Registration/Lunch
12:00 p.m. - Shotgun
4:30 p.m. - Buffet/Raffle/Awards
(winners chosen by random draw)

Only 2 weeks away!

Send your registrations/sponsorships in today!

For more information or for forms, please contact HBA office.

Deadline: 05/11/09

Take advantage of your membership. Remember it doesn't cost - it pays to belong to your local/state/national associations.

Each member may include a business profile in one Update. If you would like to promote your business or have news or information you'd like to share, please send your info to me for inclusion.

NEW/REINSTATED MEMBERS

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MEMBERSHIP

Elaine Castillo, Admin./Member Services

Below, I've listed some member benefits and discount reminders:

- ★ Bring a guest to lunch, receive 1/2 off 1.
- ★ For every prospect you bring to a major event, receive 30% off one registration.

MEMBER DISCOUNTS

- ★ Verizon GM
- ★ UPS Pitney Bowes
- ★ Dell Hertz
- ★ Office Depot Williams Scotsman
- ★ Paychex Biz Forms & Checks
- ★ Omaha Steaks

CONTRACTORS:

- ★ State Compensation Insurance Fund Discount Rate (must meet eligibility)
- ★ SCE Incentives (Rebates)
- ★ The Gas Company Incentives (Rebates)
- ★ Green Building Certification Program
- ★ VAMA: Dept. of HUD Agreement which saves our builders time and processing costs for VA/CHFA/FHA financing.

ONE OF THE BEST GREEN BUILDING MATERIALS IS SOUND ADVICE.



SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA GAS COMPANY offers you a single source for the information and services you need on green building and sustainability issues. Your personal account representative will show how

you can help save your home buyers money and give them the kind of 'green design' they're demanding. With incentives of up to \$2,000 per unit, we can help make your bottom line a little greener too. **To find out more, call Steve Lott at 1-818-701-3341.**



Gladd to be of service!

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