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Building? Your fees could be dropping

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By TANG LOR DN Staff Writer An air quality mitigation plan that created some contro has been revised with few changes.

The Air Quality Mitigation Fee plan was reintroduced to the Tehama County Board of

The plan proposes to charge new developments to pay for air quality improvements. 1 but with a reduced fee schedule, Air Pollution Control Officer Alan Abbs said.

The public will get a chance to comment on the revised proposal during an Oct. 19 pu

In November 2009, the board voted 3-2 to defer a final vote on the air fee proposal sa development impact fee process had been completed and the two fees could be cons

Supervisors George Russel and Bob Williams said they would still like to have the air development fees.

Supervisor Charles Willard stood by his earlier decision saying there was no point in t The discussion on development fees has not closed while Abbs has already reevaluat It's time to move forward with the air fee proposal.

The board needs to make a decision before the Nov. 2 election, when voters will be d passes, a two-thirds majority vote from residents would be required for local governm passage of Proposition 26 would change the way regulatory fees and taxes are create pollution control district operates, Abbs said.

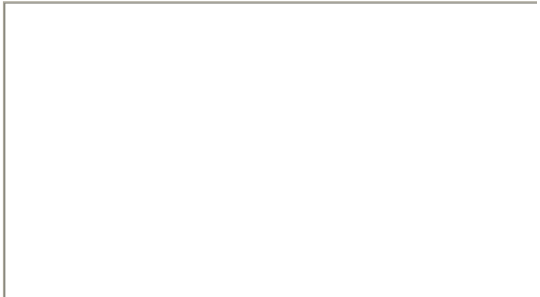
The Red Bluff-Tehama County Chamber of Commerce was one of the most vocal op; fees would deter development in the area.

Meetings with chamber representatives to talk about development and air fees have b should give the chamber plenty of time to form an opinion before the Oct. 19 public he

The county is required by state and federal law to create a mitigation plan to fight ozo

What Abbs has presented is a reasonable way to mitigate what is required by state la

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