

SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA



FROM: Supervisors Marion Ashley and Roy Wilson

SUBMITTAL DATE: April 17, 2003

SUBJECT: Chairman's Letter Urging Passage of SB 411

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors authorize the Chairman to send the attached letter to State Senator Denise Ducheny, commending her for authoring Senate Bill 411, and supporting its passage.

BACKGROUND: The Water Security, Clean Drinking Water, Coastal and Beach Protection Act of 2002 provides for the issuance of bonds in the amount of \$3.4 billion, to be used for financing a statewide safe drinking water, water quality and water reliability program. Senator Ducheny's SB411 would appropriate \$50 million of those funds to the Wildlife Conservation Board for land and water resource protection and restoration projects relating to the Quantification Settlement Agreement. Specifically, these funds would be directed toward the development of a restoration plan for the Salton Sea. The Plan, if implemented, would (1) stabilize the aquatic habitat for fish and birds, (2) reduce the impacts on the Sea resulting from the transfer of water from the Imperial Irrigation District to the San Diego County Water Authority, (3) treat, desalinate and recycle a portion of agricultural wastewater in order to transfer it to urban uses, and (4) maintain a stable shoreline and recreational values traditionally associated with the Salton Sea.

Supervisor Marion Ashley

Supervisor Roy Wilson

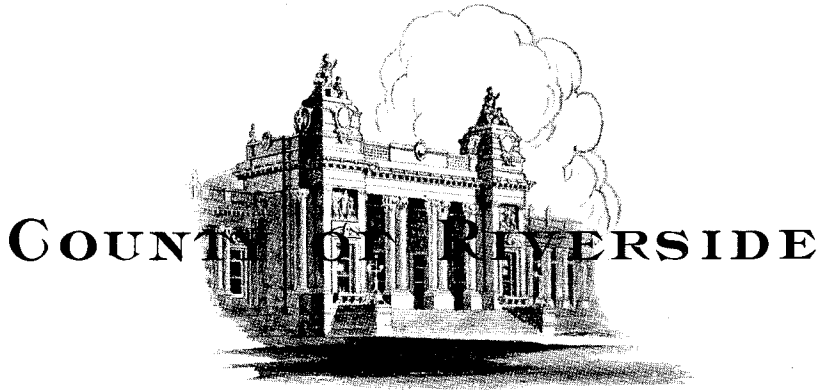
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Per Executive Office: + Consent + Policy

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April 22, 2003

Senator Denise Ducheny
State Capitol, Room 2062
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Senator Ducheny,

The County of Riverside would like to officially thank you for authoring Senate Bill 411, and wants you to know that the county fully supports its passage.

The appropriation of \$50 million from Proposition 50 funding would be essential to the restoration efforts at the Salton Sea.

Thank you for your invaluable assistance in helping to save this national treasure.

Sincerely,

John Tavaglione
Chairman