

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



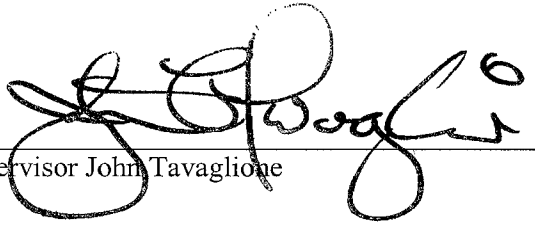
FROM: Supervisor John Tavaglione

SUBMITTAL DATE: April 29, 2003

SUBJECT: Clarification of County's intent under the State mandate reimbursement process for SB 56 (Hollingsworth).

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors affirm that Riverside County will not seek reimbursement under the State mandates claim process (Government Code Section 17556) for activities required by Senate Bill 56 by Senator Dennis Hollingsworth. SB 56 is a county sponsored bill that seeks state authorization for the Murrieta Creek Flood Control project.

BACKGROUND: The California Constitution requires the State to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the State. Current statute, Government Code Section 17556, establishes a procedure for claiming reimbursement. SB 56 has been determined by Legislative Counsel to be a state mandated local program because the bill requires the Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation District to provide assurances to the Army Corps of Engineer, to enter into agreements with the California Department of Water Resources and to carry out plans and make modifications on the project. SB 56 contains a local request disclaimer which states that no reimbursement is required by SB 56 because in essence, Riverside County is requesting to incur these costs in order to develop the Murrieta Creek Flood Control Project. Even with this disclaimer, legislative staff desires further assurances that beyond the funding provided by Section 12847 and Section 12585.7 of the Water Code, that Riverside County will not be seeking additional state reimbursement for the program authorized by this legislation.


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