

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



FROM: Marion Ashley

SUBMITTAL DATE: May 6, 2003

SUBJECT: Proclamation in Recognition of May 2003 as Water Awareness Month

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors proclaim the month of May 2003 as Water Awareness Month in Riverside County.

BACKGROUND: The Month of May is celebrated statewide as Water Awareness Month. In August 2002, Eastern Municipal Water District experienced the two highest-demand water service days in its history. Water conservation saves customers money on their power bills as well as their water bills and helps water agencies control rates by minimizing pumping and other energy-dependent activities.

The Riverside County Board of Supervisors proclaims the month of May 2003 as Water Awareness Month in Riverside County to encourage residents and businesses in the County to practice water conservation and wise water use.

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**WATER AWARENESS MONTH
MAY 2003**

WHEREAS, It is Vital that our arid region of Southern California continue to receive and wisely use a reliable supply of high quality water if we are to sustain the multi-billion dollar economy of the region and maintain the lifestyle for which our area is renowned; and

WHEREAS, the recent census confirmed projections of dramatic population growth and economic expansion throughout Riverside County, thus underscoring the importance of assured water resources; and

WHEREAS, protection of the region's natural groundwater resources is an essential element of any plan to meet the increasing water demands facing Riverside County in the coming decades; and

WHEREAS, Southern California's continuing drought conditions and energy crisis required water purveyors to pursue energy efficient methods to minimize power costs and maximize water supply; and

WHEREAS, effective water conservation is pivotal to the efforts of water purveyors in Riverside County in providing clean, reliable water that will be needed in the years ahead.

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE KNOWN that the Riverside County Board of Supervisors takes great pleasure in honoring and recognizing May 2003 as **WATER AWARENESS MONTH** and the Board of Supervisors urges all community members and businesses of the County to participate in local and regional activities directed toward conservation and protection of water resources.