

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



FROM: Jim Venable


SUBMITTAL DATE: June 26, 2003

**SUBJECT: POSITION ON AB 496 SANTA ANA RIVER CONSERVANCY BY ASSEMBLYMAN
LOU CORREA**

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

1. That the Board oppose the establishment of a Santa Ana River Conservancy; and
2. That the Board direct the Executive Office and the Board's Sacramento representative to further the Board's position to this bill.

BACKGROUND: Over the past month, this Board has been asked to consider its position on this bill. We were originally asked to "support in concept" the establishment of this conservancy by Supervisor Buster on May 13, 2003 (item 3.1). This Board took a "watch" position on the bill at that time. However, in the intervening weeks we have been unable to get any assurance in the language of the bill that protects our rights to expand our highways near the watershed. This could seriously and adversely affect our plans for any types of improvements to Highways 91, 71 and 15, or any projects bordering the Santa Ana River. We, therefore, feel that we need to show strong opposition to this bill.


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