

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



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FROM: DISTRICT ATTORNEY

SUBMITTAL DATE: July 7, 2003

SUBJECT: Request for additional positions. Amend Ordinance No. 440 pursuant to Resolution No. 440-8493. Operational Agreement between the D.A. and the Department of Environmental Health.

RECOMMENDED MOTION: Move that the Board of Supervisors by resolution:

- 1) Approve the addition of three new District Attorney Investigator positions as outlined in this Form 11 and "Amend Ordinance No. 440 pursuant to Resolution No. 440-8493 submitted herewith".
- 2) Approve and direct the Auditor-Controller to make the budget adjustments outlined on attached Schedule "A"

BACKGROUND: Request three new District Attorney Investigator positions be assigned to the District Attorney's Office in Riverside. These investigators will work as liaisons between the Riverside County Environmental Health Department and the Riverside County District Attorney's Office providing investigative services on environmental cases. The salaries and benefits are funded by Environmental Health. The Department of Environmental Health will also fund the vehicles. Equipment will be provided by the District Attorney's Office. The District Attorney's Office will pay for training, but will subsequently be reimbursed by the Peace Officers Standards and Training (POST).

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**REQUIRES
4/5 VOTE**

Gary Root
GARY ROOT, Director
Environmental Health

Grover Trask
GROVER TRASK, District Attorney

FORM APPROVED
COUNTY COUNSEL

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FINANCIAL DATA:

CURRENT YEAR COST	320,918	ANNUAL COST:	320,918
NET COUNTY COST	None	IN CURRENT YEAR BUDGET:	NO
		BUDGET ADJUSTMENT:	FOR: 2003/04
		YES	

SOURCE OF FUNDS: Department of Environmental Health – Riverside County

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION:

APPROVE

County Executive Office Signature

Sally A. Beauvais

Prev. Agn. ref.

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AGENDA NO.

3.15

FISCAL PROCEDURES APPROVED
 ROBERT E. BYRD, Auditor-Controller
 BY *[Signature]* 7/22/03 Deputy
 Approved by Ronald W. Komers
 Asst. County Executive Officer/
 Human Resources Director
 Consent Policy
 Consent Policy
 Department Recommendation:
 Per Executive Office:

COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE
 DEPT. OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH
 EXECUTIVE OFFICE
 RIVERSIDE COUNTY
 JUL 11 2003 11:22 AM
 JUL 10 2003 10:18 AM

BACKGROUND: (continued)

In 1987 the Riverside District Attorney's Office created a multi-agency Environmental Crimes Task Force (Task Force) in order to ensure that the limited resources of the State and County are utilized to effectively investigate and prosecute violations of State and County environmental laws. The Task Force's foundation members consist of a Senior District Attorney Investigator (a sworn law enforcement officer) and three Riverside County Department of Environmental Health Haz/Mat Specialists. All Task Force members are under the guidance and supervision of the District Attorney's Special Prosecution Section Supervising Investigator. These Haz/Mat members and the Riverside County Fire Department are "first responders" to hazardous materials incidents throughout the county. They are trained to recognize hazardous material incidents that are the result of illegal activities and can mobilize additional personnel and resources as necessary to conduct a thorough investigation. To date, these members have referred in excess of 300 cases to the District Attorney for both criminal and civil prosecution.

Three Haz/Mat Specialist staff, currently in Environmental Health perform a wide range of investigative duties along with a portion of their time participating in Emergency Response functions within the Hazardous Materials Management Division. Human Resources has reviewed the duties performed by these staff and have recommended that the positions be located under the District Attorney's Office as DA Investigators, since the bulk of their duties involve direct investigative activities. Placing these positions in the District Attorneys' Office will also provide for the use of firearms in the course of their investigative duties addressing an ongoing safety issue. The proposed Agreement (attached) between our two Departments will properly place these unique staff in the District Attorneys' Office and at the same time allow them to continue to be used by the Department of Environmental Health for duties related to Emergency Response participation and other duties performed under the Hazardous Materials Management programs. Utilization of these staff as outlined in the Agreement will continue to ensure a high level of cooperation and coordination in the enforcement of Environmental Crimes between the two Departments.

It is the intention of the District Attorney's Office to enter into an Agreement with the Riverside County Department of Environmental Health, to employ the three (3) Haz/Mat Specialists as District Attorney Investigators. These individuals will be sent to a law enforcement academy and provided with the necessary training as required by P.O.S.T. The Riverside County Department of Environmental Health will financially support the funding for these positions as outlined in the Agreement.

RESOLUTION NO. 440-8493

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Riverside, State of California, in regular session assembled on July 29, 2003, that pursuant to Section 5.A. of Ordinance No. 440, the District Attorney of Ordinance No. 440, is authorized to make the following listed change(s), operative on the date of approval, as follows:

<u>Job Code</u>	<u>+/-</u>	<u>Department ID</u>	<u>Class Title</u>
37662	+ 3	2200100000	D.A. Investigator - B

Schedule "A"

District Attorney's Office

Increase Appropriations:

10000-2200100000-510040	Regular Salaries	\$208,068
10000-2200100000-518100	Budgeted Benefits	\$80,000
10000-2200100000-528920	Car Pool Expense	\$27,900
10000-2200100000-528940	Travel-Fuel	\$4,950
10000-2200100000-572800	Intra-Miscellaneous	(320,918)