

Purchasing: *Billy Covert* for Director

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

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FROM: Information Technology Department

SUBMITTAL DATE:
July 9, 2003

SUBJECT: Approval of Communication Building Purchase at Red Mountain Communication Site.

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors approves the purchase of the Verizon-owned communication building located on Red Mountain for \$10,000.

BACKGROUND: Red Mountain is located approximately 12 miles southeast of Hemet in the San Jacinto Ranger District of the San Bernardino National Forest and is one of the key sites in the 800 MHz upgrade project. At present, Riverside County Information Technology is allowed space from the United States Forestry Service (USFS) at Red Mountain to provide existing radio coverage. County antennas are constructed from the top of a Ranger watch tower and support hardware is housed in a building directly below the watch tower. USFS is not charging the County for any land use on Red Mountain.

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Reviewed by
CIP TEAM
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Departmental Concurrence

Steve Reneker
Steve Reneker, Chief Information Officer

FINANCIAL DATA	Current F.Y. Total Cost:	\$ 10,000	In Current Year Budget:	Yes
	Current F.Y. Net County Cost:	\$ 10,000	Budget Adjustment:	No
	Annual Net County Cost:	\$ 0	For Fiscal Year:	

SOURCE OF FUNDS: Information Technology	Positions To Be Deleted Per A-30	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Requires 4/5 Vote	<input type="checkbox"/>

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION: **APPROVE**

County Executive Office Signature *[Signature]*

- Dep't Recomm.: Consent
- Per Exec. Ofc.: Consent
- Policy
- Policy

Prev. Agn. Ref.: | District: | Agenda Number: **3.40**

ATTACHMENTS FILED WITH THE CLERK OF THE BOARD

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The current County communication building is at capacity, therefore inhibiting any potential for growth, such as that required for the upgrade. USFS is not in support of the County expanding the existing building.

Also located at the Red Mountain site is a communications building owned by Verizon. Verizon announced to USFS that they no longer require Red Mountain as a key site. USFS requested that the County consider the Verizon building as an alternative to the current environment. The Verizon building and site offers scalability in growth. The building will be virtually 90% capacity upon completion of the upgrade, but there is space available to build an additional structure if needed. The price of \$10,000 quoted by Verizon is less than purchasing a new building of comparable size and having it delivered and installed at the site.

Information Technology agrees with the USFS request and has recommended the purchase of the Verizon communication building to the County's Capital Improvement Project (CIP) Committee for their approval. The USFS will provide to the County of Riverside a special land use permit upon completion of the building procurement from Verizon.

With no land lease cost, and ownership of this new building location, the County will retain this important communication site at a lesser cost than upgrading the existing building. The County now has further potential for growth as well as an opportunity to lease out additional space to interested parties, therefore enabling new revenue opportunities to the County.

This is the first of several planned purchases that Information Technology is anticipating in efforts towards the County owning communication sites rather than continuing to pay long-term or month-to-month leases for land, site (building) and/or tower space. The goal is to continue to provide the best communications services while reducing the expenditures associated with providing these services, and increasing the potential for new revenue to the County of Riverside.