

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



FROM: Supervisor Venable

SUBMITTAL DATE: October 22, 2003

SUBJECT: Allocation of Third District Developer Agreement Funds to the Cottonwood Volunteer Fire Company (VFC).

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board join with me to:

- 1) Approve the use of \$18,200.00 of Third District Public Facilities Developer Agreement Fund No. 30558 to give to the Cottonwood Volunteer Fire Company for a new water system at the Cottonwood Fire Station;
- 2) Direct the Executive Office to process payment of \$18,200.00 from Third District Public Facilities Developer Agreement Fund 30558-1103500000 to the Cottonwood Volunteer Fire Company.

BACKGROUND: Our volunteer fire companies throughout the county are an invaluable asset to our fire department and our constituents. One of these companies is the Cottonwood Volunteer Fire Company (VFC) in the community of Aguanga. For many years, this volunteer fire company has had to make due with an insufficient water supply, which in turn makes fighting both wildland and structure fires very difficult. During a recent fire, the firefighters had to drive nearly 20 minutes south to get more water for their engine, and other water tenders had to come all the way from Pinyon, a 40 minute drive.

It is vital that we provide our volunteers and our fire department with the facilities and equipment necessary for them to perform their critical function. This station, located in a rural area, desperately needs new storage tanks and a booster pump so that they will always have water available for emergency situations. They are willing to do all the construction work themselves, and have estimated that the cost for the materials to purchase the tanks and pump at \$18,200.00. I want to help them with this endeavor and I urge the Board to join with me to support this request.

Jim Venable, Supervisor Third District

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