

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

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FROM: Community Health Agency/Department of Environmental Health

SUBMITTAL DATE:
December 9, 2003

SUBJECT: Proclamation for Earl Tuntland Upon His Retirement

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

That the Board of Supervisors present Earl Tuntland, Deputy Director for Hazardous Materials a proclamation in recognition of his retirement.

BACKGROUND:

Earl Tuntland has served the County of Riverside for over 31 years in the Department of Environmental Health beginning as an Assistant Environmental Health Specialist, working his way through the ranks and serving at the Deputy Director level in two of the three Department Divisions for over 20 years.

Departmental Concurrence



Gary Root, Director

FINANCIAL DATA	Current F.Y. Total Cost:	\$	In Current Year Budget:	N/A
	Current F.Y. Net County Cost:	\$	Budget Adjustment:	N/A
	Annual Net County Cost:	\$	For Fiscal Year:	

SOURCE OF FUNDS:	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  _____

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

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Earl Tuntland has served the County of Riverside for over 31 years in the Department of Environmental Health beginning as an Assistant Environmental Health Specialist, working his way through the ranks and serving at the Deputy Director level in two of the three Department Divisions for over 20 years and:

WHEREAS, During that time he was involved with the initial response and follow-up to the overflow of toxic wastes from the Stringfellow site in 1978, served on the Stringfellow Advisory Committee and initiated the Bottled Water Program to provide safe drinking water to residents in that area. This program led to legislation developed with Assemblyman Clute's office that provided for the installation of an alternate water supply for these residents and:

WHEREAS, During that time Earl Tuntland assisted the public, local, County, State and Federal agencies responding to the flood disaster in Lake Elsinore in 1980 and:

WHEREAS, During that time Earl Tuntland created the Local Enforcement Agency (LEA) within the Department to address the multitude of emerging solid and liquid waste issues. He developed a legislative action plan with Senator Kelley's office to address leaking underground storage tanks, in the City of Blythe, which posed an explosive danger to the public and:

WHEREAS, During that time Earl Tuntland opened the Antifreeze, Battery, Oil and Latex Paint collection sites in the Palm Springs, Murrieta and Riverside areas to expand the collection of recyclable, hazardous wastes from the public. He received State approval for the Hazardous Materials Management Division to become the Certified Unified Program Agency (CUPA) designating the County as the lead agency to coordinate all hazardous materials and hazardous waste programs countywide and:

WHEREAS, Earl Tuntland has served on numerous County Committees and working groups involved with the Land Use/Planning process including the Riverside County Coordinating Committee, and the Growth Fiscal Impact Task Force (GROFIT). He also drafted or revised numerous County Land Use and Hazardous Materials Ordinances and:

WHEREAS, During that time Earl Tuntland developed the Methane Mitigation Program to address concerns of methane gas in the soil within housing developments in the western county area. He served as the Chairman of the Unified Program Hazardous Materials Advisory Committee which advises the Board of Supervisors on issues related to hazardous waste and hazardous materials and, in conjunction with County staff, this Committee has held Earth Day events for the past two years providing residents with educational information regarding environmental protection and:

WHEREAS, During that time Earl Tuntland oversaw the Department's response to anthrax incidents in the County after the events of September 11, 2001 and hired additional staff authorized by the Board of Supervisors to respond to incidents in the desert and west ends of the County as an integral part of the County's Hazardous

Materials Emergency Response Teams.. Earl was a member of the County delegation to New York City to study that city's response to the events of September 11, 2001 and how these lessons could be used to better protect the citizens of Riverside County and:

WHEREAS, Earl Tuntland has been a long-standing member of the California Environmental Health Association for 31 years and served as the local Citrus Chapter President when the Chapter hosted the statewide Annual Educational Symposium in 1988-89 in Anaheim, and:

WHEREAS, Earl Tuntland has always carried out his duties and responsibilities with the utmost integrity and consideration of others, he is admired, appreciated and respected by all his colleagues and staff

WHEREAS, Earl Tuntland is retiring to enjoy time with his wife, daughters, family and friends

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS,
County of Riverside, State of California commends

Earl Tuntland

For his outstanding service, dedication and valuable contributions to the Community Health Agency and the Department of Environmental Health of Riverside County and wishes him well in his retirement.