

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



FROM: Supervisor Marion Ashley & Supervisor Roy Wilson **SUBMITTAL DATE:** January 12, 2004

SUBJECT: SUPPORT FOR DESERT MANAGERS GROUP ILLEGAL DUMPING ENFORCEMENT WORKSHOP, MARCH 24, 2004

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

- 1) That the Board of Supervisors support the Desert Managers Group half-day Illegal Dumping Enforcement Workshop to promote a better understanding of the illegal dumping problem among law enforcement officials, prosecutors, code enforcement officers and hazardous material specialists; and
- 2) Encourage WRCOG to also promote the workshop among their participating cities.

BACKGROUND: During the course of a Fifth District Trash Task Force Stakeholders meeting, the Desert Managers Group approached the County of Riverside to co-sponsor an illegal dumping enforcement workshop to promote a better understanding of illegal dumping for those government entities that are involved with the problem. Other co-sponsors include the City of Palm Springs, Agua Caliente Tribe, the California Hazardous Materials Investigators Association and Coachella Valley Association of Governments (CVAG).

The goals of the workshop are to:

- 1) Increase awareness of the environmental and public health affects of illegal dumping;
- 2) Make officers aware that many illegal dumpers are often engaged in other serious criminal activities;
- 3) Give information on how to recognize illegal dumpers;
- 4) Give enforcement officers, prosecutors, code enforcement officers and hazardous material specialist a took kit to help make and successfully prosecute illegal dump cases; and
- 5) Better understand the barriers to prosecution of dumping cases.

The workshop will occur on March 24, 2004, from 7:30 am-12:00 PM at the Agua Caliente Spa Resort Hotel in Palm Springs. There will be no cost to attend. The Agua Caliente tribe is donating the conference room and will also be providing refreshments. We encourage representatives from Riverside County Sheriff Department, Riverside County Code Enforcement, Riverside County Environmental Health, Riverside County District Attorney, Riverside County Fire/ CDF, California Highway Patrol and all cities in Riverside County to participate.

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