

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



FROM: Supervisor Ashley

SUBMITTAL DATE: January 22, 2004

SUBJECT: Position on AB1802 by Assembly Member Russ Bogh and Cosponsored by State Senator Jim Battin

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors support AB1802 and direct the Executive Office and the Board's Sacramento representatives to further the Board's position.

BACKGROUND: Illegal dumping is a common problem throughout our County. In an effort to combat this issue, I organized the Fifth District Trash Task Force, which has been working on ways to eliminate illegal dumping. As a direct result of this groups efforts, Assembly Member Bogh introduced legislation that increases the penalties for illegal dumping and State Senator Jim Battin is cosponsoring the bill.

It is illegal under existing law to dump waste matter, rocks, or dirt in most locations without obtaining appropriate consent. Under current law the fines for illegal dumping range from \$500 to \$6,000 depending upon the number of previous convictions an individual has for illegal dumping. The individual may also be required to either remove the waste matter which he or she is responsible for dumping or to spend 12 hours picking up trash. The existing penalties for illegal dumping are an inadequate deterrent for many violators. The Task Force believes stronger penalties will help curb illegal dumping.

AB1802 strengthens existing law by increasing the penalties for illegal dumping in two ways:

- 1) Fines are increased for commercial quantities from a minimum of \$1000 to a maximum of \$25,000 based on the number of previous convictions, and
- 2) Those convicted of illegal dumping will be required under a new mandatory sentencing provision to either remove what they dumped or be sentenced to 12 hours picking up trash,

These changes to the existing law will help our County, as well as all jurisdictions throughout the State, deal with illegal dumping in a more effective and forceful fashion.

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Marion Ashley, Supervisor
Fifth District

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