

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

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FROM: Riverside County Fire Department
Office of Emergency Services/PreFire Management Division

SUBMITTAL DATE:
February 10, 2004

SUBJECT: Southern California Drought Assistance Funds / USDA Forest Service
State Fire Assistance (SPCF)

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:
Authorize the Fire department to submit a grant application on behalf of the County of Riverside to the United States Department of Agriculture, Forest Service in the amount of \$2.8 million to reduce the risk to lives and property through the removal of dead and dying trees.

Departmental Concurrence

BACKGROUND: The passage of H.R.2657 has made available \$11.5 million in grant funding to Riverside, San Bernardino and San Diego Counties for forest health and fire protection purposes on non-National Forest System lands affected by the drought/insect-killed mortality in southern California. The funding will be used to continue tree felling; removal and disposal of dead fuel; and administrative costs associated with this ongoing project. Riverside County is applying for \$2.8 million in federal grant funding, which requires a 50 percent cost share, resulting in \$5.6 million available funds for tree removal projects. Supervisor Venable is working with State and Federal elected officials to have the match waived. The Fire Department is anticipating that the match of \$2.8 million may be met through property owner contribution, in-kind match of County and state employees time and costs incurred by Southern California Edison for tree removal. In the event the in-kind matches are not realized a possible General Fund contribution may be needed to maximize the federal grant.

Bonnie A. Reed for

Tom Tisdale, County Fire Chief

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

SOURCE OF FUNDS: Federal Grant	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 *Jacely A. Deaton*

- Dept's Recomm.: Consent Policy
- Per Exec. Ofc.: Consent Policy

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**ATTACHMENTS FILED
WITH THE CLERK OF THE BOARD**

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