

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

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FROM: Community Health Agency/
Environmental Health

SUBMITTAL DATE:
March 30, 2004

SUBJECT: Adoption of Proclamation Establishing April 2004 as Earth Day Awareness Month

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors adopt the attached Proclamation establishing the month of April 2004 as Earth Day Awareness Month.

BACKGROUND: The Board of Supervisors established the Unified Program Hazardous Materials Advisory Committee [UPHMAC] in March 1998 to advise the Board of Supervisor's regarding implementation of Hazardous Materials Management Programs. The UPHMAC has indicated its desire to increase public awareness of hazardous materials issues to the residents of Riverside County. At the UPHMAC's meeting held on November 12, 2003, the committee voted to promote Earth Day educational events again this year (i.e. tabletop displays, equipment display & interactive environmental programs for children) in April 2004 Temecula (4-13 & 24), Riverside (4-18), and Palm Desert (4-22) and seeking Board recognition and support for the planned events to be held.

Departmental Concurrence

GR:PT:lgr



Gary Root, Director
Environmental Health

FINANCIAL DATA	Current F.Y. Total Cost:	\$ -0-	In Current Year Budget:	-0-
	Current F.Y. Net County Cost:	\$ -0-	Budget Adjustment:	N/A
	Annual Net County Cost:	\$ -0-	For Fiscal Year:	'03/04

SOURCE OF FUNDS: N/A	Positions To Be Deleted Per A-30	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Requires 4/5 Vote	<input type="checkbox"/>

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION: **APPROVE** FORM APPROVED
COUNTY COUNSEL
MAR 23 2004

County Executive Office Signature  BY 

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

Prev. Agn. Ref.: 4-1-03, #2.2 | **District:** All | **Agenda Number:**

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PROCLAMATION

EARTH DAY 2004

WHEREAS, the urgent need for preservation of the environment, recycling and conservation of valuable resources and protection of public health from hazardous materials have become issues of great importance based on the County's ever-increasing industrialization, urbanization and growth; and

WHEREAS, industrialization and growth have led to a depletion of natural resources, an increase in the number of hazardous materials issues affecting the business and the public, and increased environmental pollution, including air, water and soil contamination, which have led to heightened awareness of the need for appropriate conservation use, secure storage and recycling of resources; and

WHEREAS, the California Integrated Waste Management Board awarded a grant for the Hazardous Materials Management Division to implement new programs consisting of a SHARPS (needles, syringes and lancets) collection program initiated at the HHW Mobile collection events and the second program for small businesses CESQG's (Conditionally Exempt Small Quantity Generators) to legally dispose of their business waste at an affordable price. These two programs are conducted in conjunction with the Hazardous Materials Division's existing Household Hazardous Waste Collection programs; and

WHEREAS, the County of Riverside, Department of Environmental Health, Hazardous Materials Management Division designated through the Board of Supervisors formed an Advisory Committee entitled the Unified Program Hazardous Materials Advisory Committee [UPHMAC] in Resolution No. 98-078 dated March 17, 1998, to advise the Board regarding the implementation of the hazardous materials and hazardous waste management program requirements contained in California Code of Regulations, Titles 26 - 27; and

WHEREAS, the UPHMAC has been charged with advisory functions, acting as a clearinghouse for information and increasing public awareness of hazardous materials issues and other related concerns designed to provide public input into the overall management of hazardous materials and hazardous waste management throughout the County. An Earth Day subcommittee was formed to facilitate County participation in environmental awareness programs at public locations; and

WHEREAS, the UPHMAC is seeking Board adoption and support of these Earth Day awareness activities planned for April 2004, to bring to the forefront issues in an educational format and informing the Public about existing environmental programs and services; then

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Riverside, State of California, in regular session assembled on March 30, 2004, that the County gives formal appreciation to the UPHMAC, for its assistance in advising the Board of Supervisors concerning issues and policies relating to hazardous materials and hazardous wastes programs throughout the County of Riverside, and the UPHMAC's involvement in EARTH DAY, April 22nd, 2003 activities; and

NOW THEREFORE, be it finally proclaimed that the Board of Supervisors establishes April 2004, as Earth Day Month to be recognized throughout the County.