

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



FROM: Supervisor Roy Wilson

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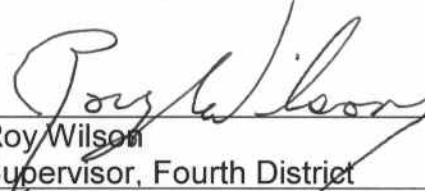
SUBJECT: Position on AB 2782 by Assembly Member John J. Benoit relating to Joint Powers Agencies meetings

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board support AB 2782 and direct the Executive Office and the Board's Sacramento representatives to further the Boards position.

BACKGROUND: The County and the cities of the Coachella Valley cooperatively work on many regional issues through the creation of joint powers agencies. This pattern of joint governance is common throughout the County and the State. However, recently the Coachella Valley cities and the County of Riverside have been frustrated and impeded in their obligation to adequately supervise the joint powers agencies they have created. Legislation is needed to correct an improper restriction on the information elected offices require to provide good governance.

Existing law authorizes two or more public agencies, if authorized by their legislative bodies, to enter an agreement to jointly exercise any power common to the two agencies. The Ralph M. Brown Act requires that meetings of the legislative body of a local agency be open and public, with specified exceptions authorizing closed sessions for specified purposes. AB 2782 would provide that, notwithstanding any other provision of law, a joint powers agency may include in its joint powers agreement provisions that authorize (1) any member of the legislative body of the joint powers agency who is also a member of the legislative body of one of the local agencies comprising the joint powers agency to disclose information obtained in a closed session of the joint powers agency to other members of the legislative body of the local agency in a closed session of that body, or (2) any designated alternate member of the joint powers agency to attend closed sessions of the agency.

So far, the Cities of Indio and Indian Wells, as well as the East Bay Municipal Utility District have registered support for this legislation. I urge you to join with me and Assembly Member Benoit in supporting AB 2782 which will help elected officials provide the oversight needed to ensure more effective and efficient governance of joint powers agencies.



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