

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



**FROM:** Supervisor Bob Buster

**SUBMITTAL DATE:**  
May 4, 2004

**SUBJECT:** Riverside County Property Tax Administration System

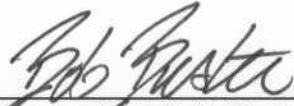
**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** That the Board of Supervisors approve of the following actions:

1. Direct the Executive Office, in consultation with the Auditor-Controller, Assessor-Clerk-Recorder and Treasurer-Tax Collector to report back to the Board within thirty (30) days with preliminary recommendations to address any property tax practices or procedures that can be immediately modified to produce savings.
2. Direct the Executive Office, in consultation with the Auditor-Controller, Assessor-Clerk-Recorder and Treasurer-Tax Collector to retain an outside consulting firm to identify areas of possible improvements within the Property System.

**BACKGROUND:**

Although the local property tax system is administered by independently elected department heads, the three Property Departments manage it on behalf of the County, for the benefit of its residents. The Board, under the Revenue and Taxation Code, is the ultimate authority on many tax matters and has the power to delegate authority for decisions to the three elected officers.

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**BACKGROUND** (Continued):

The complex nature of the property tax administration system, and the diffused management structure, lends itself to inefficiencies, which are often expressed via constituent complaints to Board members. Long-term resolution of these inefficiencies, where possible, will reduce unnecessary taxpayer aggravation. Increased efficiencies will improve the production of revenue and the reduction of costs, the benefits of which will ultimately flow to the General Fund.