

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



FROM: Transportation and Land Management Agency

SUBMITTAL DATE:
May 4, 2004

SUBJECT: Resolution 2004-205 Amending the Additional Procedures to Implement the California Environmental Quality Act

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board adopt Resolution 2004-205 to amend the Additional Procedures to Implement the California Environmental Quality Act.

BACKGROUND: Under the proposal when an activity is substantially funded or sponsored by the Riverside County Transportation Department and is processed by the Director of Transportation, the Director would perform those functions which would otherwise be performed by the Planning Director, including determining whether the project may have a significant impact on the environment and preparing the required documents prior to submittal of the project to the approving body for decision.

The Planning Department is currently the designated agency to perform the environmental analysis of projects that are substantially funded or sponsored by the Transportation Department. Approval of the proposal would direct Transportation Department staff to assume full responsibility of the environmental review of its own projects. The Transportation Department staff already prepares and processes all environmental documents for road construction and maintenance projects. Resolution 2004-205 would authorize the Director of Transportation to sign the final environmental documents and forms. The Board has previously granted the same authority to Waste Management, EDA, Parks and Flood Control.

Departmental Concurrence

Richard Lashbrook

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TLMA Director

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: N/A	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

Jerry S. ...

- Dept't Recomm.: Consent Policy
- Per Exec. Ofc.: Consent Policy

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The Transportation Department is qualified to assume the function of environmental review and document preparation for its projects on the basis of the following:

- Transportation Department planners know and understand the California Environmental Quality Act, Riverside County's General Plan and ordinances and are experienced in the preparation and processing of environmental documents;
- The technical information on project design, construction and mitigation used for environmental analysis is generated by the Transportation Department or its consultants and is familiar to Transportation planners;
- Transportation Department planners regularly interpret and implement the National Environmental Policy Act, Federal Highway Administration policies and regulations, state and federal permitting processes and Caltrans CEQA/NEPA implementation regulations required for environmental document preparation for projects with state or federal funding or on state facilities.

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3 **RESOLUTION NO. 2004-205**
4 **AMENDING THE "ADDITIONAL PROCEDURES TO**
5 **IMPLEMENT THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT"**

6 **BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDERED** by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Riverside, State of
7 California, in regular session assembled on May 11, 2004, that the "Additional Procedures to Implement
8 the California Environmental Quality Act", adopted April 29, 2003, are amended by adding a new
9 subsection e. to Section 105 to read as follows:

10 **SECTION 105**

11 e. "When an activity is substantially funded or sponsored by the Riverside County Transportation
12 Department and is processed by the Director of Transportation, the Director shall perform those
13 functions that would otherwise be performed by the Planning Director, including determining
14 whether the proposed project may have a significant impact on the environment and preparing the
15 required documents prior to submittal of the project to the approving body for decision."
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