

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



FROM: Supervisor Venable

SUBMITTAL DATE: September 21, 2004

SUBJECT: Allocation of Third District Developer Agreement Funds to the Riverside Mountain Rescue Unit in order for them to purchase a much-needed emergency response vehicle.

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board join with me to:

- 1) Approve the use of \$55,000 of Third District Public Facilities Developer Agreement Fund No. 30558 to give to the Riverside Mountain Rescue Unit (RMRU);
- 2) Direct the Executive Office to process payment of \$55,000 from Third District Public Facilities Developer Agreement Fund 30558-1103500000 to the Riverside Mountain Rescue Unit.

BACKGROUND: Riverside Mountain Rescue Unit (RMRU) is a forty member volunteer organization that has provided Riverside County, adjacent counties and even other states with search and rescue expertise for forty-three years. Currently, this extraordinary group of volunteers average 35 – 40 missions per year with the majority of these missions being right here in our local mountains. As an all-volunteer organization, team members outfit themselves with over \$3,500 worth of personal gear when they are at the fully-trained and operational level. Team gear is obtained through donations and a single pancake breakfast once a year.

The Riverside County Sheriff's Department has graciously provided and maintained three vehicles for RMRU to use to respond to these emergency missions. But RMRU really needs to replace one of their outdated and undersized vans with a multifunctional, four-wheel drive, four-door crew cab style vehicle. The existing van is not only old and difficult to maintain, it is also not practical to carry personnel into the field, it is undersized for the payload it needs to carry, and its braking system is not configured for mountain driving.

The RMRU group approached me and asked if I could help them with the purchase of the basic vehicle. Through donations of material, time and expertise, the RMRU group is confident that they can underwrite the costs of installing all light bars, communications equipment, etc., that this vehicle will require. I would like to assist this outstanding group by using \$55,000 of Third District Developer Agreement funds to purchase this vehicle, and I respectfully request that the Board support this endeavor.


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