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



FROM: Agricultural Commissioner

SUBMITTAL DATE:
October 19, 2004

SUBJECT: County Agricultural Monument

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board receive and file this update regarding the proposed agricultural monument in the courtyard of the Riverside County Administrative Center.

BACKGROUND: On September 14, 2004, agenda item 3.75, the Board of Supervisors approved the conceptual design of a County Agricultural Monument that will also commemorate the Robert M. Howie Citrus Plaza, and authorized the Agricultural Commissioner to raise funds to cover the costs of this monument and to establish a special account to receive these funds. In addition, the Board directed the Department of Facilities Management and the Agricultural Commissioner to return in 45 days with a plan for construction and funding.

Agriculture plays a vital role in Riverside County, both economically and culturally, thanks in large part to the many contributions made by Robert M. Howie. Mr. Howie was Riverside County's Agricultural Commissioner for 28 years. During his tenure, Mr. Howie helped establish Riverside County as one of the top ten agricultural counties in California, through vigorous promotion of agriculture and oversight of substantial increases of citrus, dairy products, vegetables, grapes, eggs, and nursery stock.

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John Snyder

John Snyder, Agricultural Commissioner/
Sealer of Weights and Measures

FINANCIAL DATA	Current F.Y. Total Cost:	\$ 30,000	In Current Year Budget:	No
	Current F.Y. Net County Cost:	\$ 0	Budget Adjustment:	No
	Annual Net County Cost:	\$ 0	For Fiscal Year:	04/05

SOURCE OF FUNDS: 100% Private Contributions	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

James J. Buehler

Department Recommendation: Consent Policy
Per Executive Office: Consent Policy

Prev. Agn. Ref.: 09/14/04, 3.75

District:

Agenda Number:

3.3

Subject: County Agriculture Monument
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Background: (cont.) To honor Mr. Howie's many years of service and contributions to Riverside County, in 1983 the Board dedicated the plaza area immediately outside of the County Administrative Center (CAC) as the Robert M. Howie Citrus Plaza. The plaza included several orange trees and a modest monument that briefly described Mr. Howie's contributions. During the construction of the CAC annex, the citrus trees were relocated to the northwest corner of the CAC complex. Based on input from County staff and many interested supporters/stakeholders within the agricultural community, a new monument for the plaza has been designed to more fully recognize Mr. Howie.

The Monument, which was conceptually designed by the Patrician Group, will consist of a cast in place concrete bench sheathed in 3/4" blue moon granite with a stucco base. A concrete block pylon clad in 12" square granite tiles will have a cast bronze medallion in bas-relief of Mr. Howie's likeness. The Patrician Group submitted a proposal in the amount of \$25,000 for the completion of design and construction of the monument. The proposal also includes all demolition and site work necessary to complete the installation of the monument. With contingencies and project management, the total cost of the project will be \$30,000. The Patrician Group has agreed to hold their proposed price for 90 days to give the Agricultural Commissioner time to raise the money through public donations.

PROJECT BUDGET

Design/construction	\$25,000
Contingency (10%)	\$2,500
Project Management & Inspection	<u>\$2,500</u>
Total:	\$30,000

The attached letter is being sent to interested members of the agricultural community requesting a monetary donation for the project. Upon receipt of all funds required to construct the monument, the department will return to the Board to request approval of an agreement with the vendor.



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October 6, 2004

«Permittee»
«FirstName» «LastName»
«MailAddr»
«MailCity», «MailState» «MailZip»

Dear «FirstName» «LastName»:

I am writing to seek your support in honoring agriculture in Riverside County and the man who dedicated his life to the betterment of Riverside County agriculture and, by extension, the entire county: Robert M. Howie.

A 1930 graduate of Riverside Poly High School and a 1934 graduate of the University of California at Davis, Howie began his career with Riverside County in 1935 as an Agricultural Inspector working in the Palo Verde Valley district and then the San Geronio Pass. In 1940 he was appointed Deputy Agricultural Commissioner. During his career he was President of the Riverside Kiwanis Club, the Riverside County Employees Association, and the California Agricultural Commissioner's Association, and he was an active member of the United Fund Board of Directors and the Riverside County Farm Bureau. Howie closed out his career of service to county agriculture and agriculturalists by serving as Riverside County's Agricultural Commissioner across parts of four decades, from 1954 up to the time of his retirement in 1982.

To signify the impact of agriculture to the County economy and recognize Howie for his years dedicated to public service, the Board of Supervisors previously authorized the construction of a monument to Howie located outside the County Administrative Center in downtown Riverside. The original monument was removed with the recent expansion of the center and a new monument has been designed. The monument consists of a granite column with a bronze medallion depicting Howie in sculpted low relief. Information about Howie and his contributions and the significance of agriculture in Riverside County is etched into the granite column. A bench extends from the column inviting the public to sit and learn.

Please join me in making the new monument a reality by donating to the Robert M. Howie Monument Fundraising Campaign. Your tax deductible contribution will memorialize Bob Howie's dedication to agriculture and its present and historical importance in Riverside County. Please fill out the attached contribution form and mail it in today. Thank you for your interest and your support.

Sincerely,

John Snyder

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