

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



**FROM:** Supervisor Venable

**SUBMITTAL DATE:** November 23, 2004

**SUBJECT:** Allocation of Third District Developer Agreement Funds to Radio Station WNKI-578 in Idyllwild.

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** That the Board join with me to:

- 1) Approve the use of \$2500 of Third District Public Facilities Developer Agreement Fund No. 30558-1103500000 to give to Radio Station WNKI-578 in Idyllwild to backup their aging equipment;
- 2) Direct the Executive Office to process payment of \$2500 from Third District Public Facilities Developer Agreement Fund 30558-1103500000 to Radio Station WNKI-578.

**BACKGROUND:** Radio Station WNKI-578 in Idyllwild is a tourist information and emergency broadcast station covering the communities of Idyllwild, Pine Cove, Fern Valley and Mountain Center. They are licensed under the Federal Communications Bureau through the Idyllwild Fire District. During normal times they broadcast tourist information, road conditions and weather from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. However, during emergencies such as; fire, earthquake, rock slides causing road closures, etc they are on the air continuously as long as the emergency lasts. The station is fully manned by volunteers and funded totally through donations from mountain citizens and local organizations. Their equipment is currently eighteen years old, and with the continuing drought and high fire danger a 100% back up system is needed. This allocation will cover the cost of this new equipment. I urge the Board to join with me to support this request.

  
Jim Venable, Supervisor Third District

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