

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



FROM: Supervisor Venable

SUBMITTAL DATE: December 1, 2004

SUBJECT: Allocation of Third District Developer Agreement Funds to the Mt. Community Fire Safe Council.

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board join with me to:

- 1) Approve the use of \$4,500 of Third District Public Facilities Developer Agreement Fund No. 30558-1103500000 to give to the Mt. Community Fire Safe Council for a heavy duty Kabota tractor;
- 2) Direct the Executive Office to process payment of \$4,500 from Third District Public Facilities Developer Agreement Fund 30558-1103500000 to the Mt. Community Fire Safe Council.

BACKGROUND: The Mt. Community Fire Safe Council was founded in 2002 to educate mountain communities about the danger of fires and the actions residents could take to reduce the fire hazard. They currently have 346 dues paying members. Over the last year, volunteers have donated over 7600 hours on different programs. Among these programs is the "Woodies" program. Thousands of hours have been spent clearing brush, removing dead trees, and cutting down hazardous trees at the request of property owners. They have used their own equipment in most cases. The most hazardous high fuel areas are adjacent to the public lands and are often very steep. Steep slopes that have burned cause flooding of polluted water in the communities below as were observed in the Bee Canyon Fire near Pine Cove in 1996 and in the 2003 fires throughout Southern California. In order to meet safety standards in these hazardous high fuel areas they need to supplement the volunteers' own lower horse-power, smaller tractors with a tractor of greater horsepower and stability. The Fire Safe Council recently received a grant from the Community Foundation of Riverside and San Bernardino Counties for \$6107 towards the purchase of this much needed tractor. The funding of this additional \$4500 will provide the match needed to complete the purchase of the Kabota Tractor. I urge the Board to join with me to support this request.


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