

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



FROM: Supervisor Venable

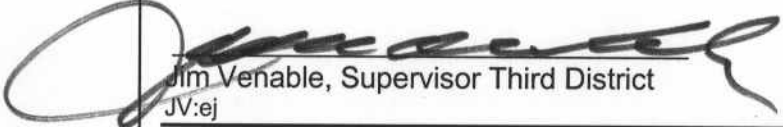
SUBMITTAL DATE: December 15, 2004

SUBJECT: Allocation of Third District Developer Agreement Funds to the Western Center for Archaeology and Paleontology

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board join with me to:

- 1) Approve the use of \$30,000 of Third District Public Facilities Developer Agreement Fund No. 30558-1103500000 to give to the Western Center for Archaeology and Paleontology;
- 2) Direct the Executive Office to process payment of \$30,000 from Third District Public Facilities Developer Agreement Fund 30558-1103500000 to the Western Center for Archaeology and Paleontology.

BACKGROUND: The Western Center for Archaeology and Paleontology is currently under construction and will be located at the Diamond Valley Lake next to the Center for Water Education. They will be an interpretive center, museum and regional curation center for the archaeological and paleontological collections recovered during the construction of Diamond Valley Lake and other collections. The facility will incorporate museum-based laboratories and exhibits as well as curation, conservation, artifact storage and archives. Educational opportunities will be available for primary, secondary, and college-level students, as well as professionals. This facility will be a state of the art center serving not only Riverside County, but will bring many visitors from all over the world. They have secured funding for the first phase of construction. To date they have received approximately \$7.5 million of the necessary \$26 million. Because they are currently working with construction dollars, these funds would be used for operations and to assist in their K-12 educational mission, the development of the public viewing components of the museum, the construction of an interactive web presence and the necessary equipment, supplies, software programs, and liaison work to be done with the schools. I urge the Board to join with me to support this request.


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