

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



FROM: Supervisors Roy Wilson and Marion Ashley

SUBMITTAL DATE: November 22 2005

**SUBJECT: ESTABLISHING A RIVERSIDE COUNTY OFF HIGHWAY VEHICLE (OHV)
COMMISSION**

RECOMMENDED MOTION: Direct County Planning Department and County Counsel return with a resolution establishing the Commission, consistent with Resolution No. 2005-148

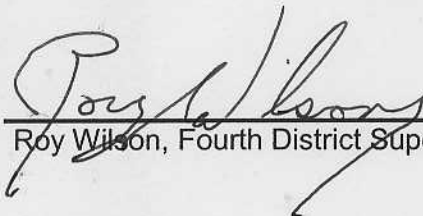
BACKGROUND:

Off Highway Vehicle (OHV) activities have increased Countywide due to closures of OHV areas in Imperial, Riverside and San Bernardino counties. Closure of legal riding areas and/or increased enforcement has pushed OHV riders to look for alternative sites which, in many instances, has resulted in illegal riding on prime conservation lands as well as riding—legally or otherwise—on private lands. Other issues include stolen or unregistered vehicles; unlicensed, under-age and unsupervised riders. There is also increasing associated illegal activity including drugs, illegal weapons and assaults. The issues are complex, and the problem exhibits itself county-wide. The Planning Department and the Planning Commission have attempted to address the issues through an Ordinance, but more needs to be done.

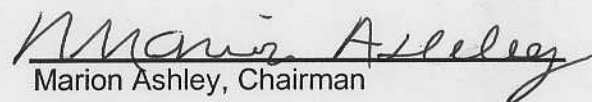
Although the State is working to provide an OHV park in the Beaumont area, this area will not be available until 2008. Local efforts must be made to provide safe and legal riding areas for our residents and we must also address the illegal activities and enforcement issues. Environmental damage to some areas in the County as a result of illegal riding will take a great deal of time and money to repair and restore.

While the public is entitled to enjoy the peace and quiet of the wild land, OHV enthusiasts are also entitled—and will insist upon—accessible lands on which to pursue their hobby. This Commission effort would help the County address the issues and would also work in cooperation with the State on providing safe riding areas for our citizens. Other stakeholders, e.g., Bureau of Land Management, may also be invited to assist the Commission.

0Departmental Concurrence



Roy Wilson, Fourth District Supervisor



Marion Ashley, Chairman

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