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



FROM: TLMA – Environmental Programs Department

SUBMITTAL DATE:
January 9, 2006

SUBJECT: Modification Number 15 to the Cooperative Agreement between the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the County of Riverside.

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors approve Modification Number 15 to the Cooperative Agreement between the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) and the County of Riverside (Attachment A) and authorize the Board Chair to execute the agreement on behalf of the County.

BACKGROUND: For more than a decade, Congress has appropriated money for the purpose of supporting Natural Communities Conservation Planning (NCCP) efforts in California. The money is provided to local jurisdictions to offset the planning costs associated with preparing multi-species habitat conservation plans. Riverside County has been the recipient of a portion of these federal planning dollars through a cooperative agreement with the USFWS. The County has utilized these funds to pay for development of the Western Riverside County Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan (MSHCP).

Departmental Concurrence

Tony Carstens
Agency Director

FINANCIAL DATA	Current F.Y. Total Cost:	\$250,000	In Current Year Budget:	Yes
	Current F.Y. Net County Cost:	\$0	Budget Adjustment:	No
	Annual Net County Cost:	\$0	For Fiscal Year:	2005/06

SOURCE OF FUNDS: Federal Natural Communities Conservation Planning Funds	Positions To Be Deleted Per A-30	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Requires 4/5 Vote	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION: **APPROVE**

County Executive Office Signature

Policy
 Policy
 Consent
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 p't Recomm.:
 r Exec. Ofc.:

Prev Agn. Ref.: 3.25 on 05/10/05 District: ALL

Agenda Number:

3.27

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Execution of Modification Number 15 (included as Attachment A) provides the vehicle by which Riverside County would draw down a final \$250,000 in federal NCCP funding. The federal funds, which were requested in June of 2004, require a 50/50 local match. The County's share of this 50/50 match was paid from the Habitat Conservation Fund (HCF) account in FY 04/05 but the federal funds have yet to be paid. Modification 15 represents the federal share of the final costs associated with the MSHCP planning effort.