

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

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FROM: Executive Office


SUBMITTAL DATE:
April 24, 2006

SUBJECT: Assembly Bill 1234 ("AB 1234") Provisions Relating to Ethics Training

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:

- 1) Direct the Executive Office to continue to work with County Counsel, Human Resources, and the Clerk of the Board to ensure the county's compliance with all aspects of AB 1234;
- 2) Direct the Clerk of the Board to notify individuals who are affected by this law;

BACKGROUND: AB 1234, effective January 1, 2006, amends the Government Code to include section 53235, which requires that if a local agency provides any type of compensation, including salaries, stipends, and/or expense reimbursements for actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of official duties to a member of a legislative body, then all local agency officials, as defined by Govt. Code § 53234, must receive two hours of ethics training every two years. AB 1234 also requires local agencies that provide reimbursement for expenses to members of its legislative body to adopt a written policy on reimbursement (see accompanying companion item).


Tina Grande
Management Analyst

Departmental Concurrence

FINANCIAL DATA	Current F.Y. Total Cost:	\$	In Current Year Budget:
	Current F.Y. Net County Cost:	\$	Budget Adjustment:
	Annual Net County Cost:	\$	For Fiscal Year:

SOURCE OF FUNDS: N/A	Positions To Be Deleted Per A-30	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Requires 4/5 Vote	<input type="checkbox"/>

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION: Approve

County Executive Office Signature



- Consent
- Policy
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Dep't Recomm.:
Per Exec. Ofc.:

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County Counsel reviewed AB 1234, and determined that the following three categories of County of Riverside officials are required to have ethics training:

1. Elected Officials:
 - a. Board of Supervisors
 - b. Auditor-Controller
 - c. Assessor-County Clerk-Recorder
 - d. District Attorney
 - e. Sheriff-Coroner-Public Administrator
 - f. Treasurer-Tax Collector

2. Any member of a County legislative body who receives any type of compensation, salary, or stipend, or reimbursement for actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of his or her official duties. "Legislative body" as used in AB 1234 is the same definition as under the Ralph M. Brown Act and includes any "commission, committee, board, or other body of local agency, whether permanent or temporary, decision making or advisory, created by charter, ordinance, resolution, or formal action of a legislative body" Govt. Code § 54952 (b). These have been determined to be:

Those Receiving a Stipend for attending hearings/meetings and discharging duties:

- a. Assessment Appeals Board No. 1
- b. Assessment Appeals Board No. 2
- c. Community Facilities District Special Tax Review Board
- d. Independent Hearing Panel
- e. Inland Empire Health Plan
- f. Local Agency Formation Commission
- g. Planning Commission
- h. Riverside County Asset Leasing Corporation (CORAL)
- i. Riverside County Transportation Commission (Not Board Appointed)

Those Authorized to Receive Reimbursement for mileage and/or expenses for attending hearings/meetings and discharging duties:

- a. Advisory Committee on Substance Abuse
- b. Advisory Council on Aging
- c. Airport Land Use Commission
- d. Children & Family Advisory Committee
- e. Children & Families Commission
- f. Citrus Pest Control District #2
- g. Commission for Women
- h. Comprehensive Agricultural Preserve Technical Advisory Committee (CAPTAC)
- i. Development Disability Area Planning Board #12
- j. Fair Board
- k. Flood Control & Water Conservation District Commission

- l. Historical Commission
- m. Housing Authority Advisory Commission
- n. Indian Gaming Local Community Benefit Committee
- o. In-Home Supportive Services Advisory Committee
- p. Investment Policies Oversight Committee
- q. Mental Health Board
- r. Mental Health Services Regional Advisory Boards (Desert)
- s. Mental Health Services Regional Advisory Boards (Mid-County)
- t. Mental Health Services Regional Advisory Boards (Western)
- u. Perris Valley Cemetery District
- v. Pinyon Communities Council
- w. Riverside County Trails committee
- x. Sky Valley Community Council
- y. Solid Waste Management Advisory Council
- z. Thousand Palms Community Council
- aa. Veterans' Advisory Committee
- bb. Workforce Investment Board

3. Any employee designated by the Board of Supervisors to receive the ethics training specified under the article. At this time, it is recommended to provide training only to those required to be trained under AB 1234.

AB 1234 is specific on the topics covered in the training, approval of training programs, frequency of training, and documentation of training. The Executive Office, County Counsel, Human Resources, and the Clerk of the Board personnel have begun discussions on complying with AB 1234 requirements.

Staff members are in the process of identifying available training materials and workshop sessions. Notification of the available training options will be communicated to the affected individuals and legislative bodies. Additionally, a tracking system of the training attendance will be implemented by the Clerk of the Board to ensure AB 1234 compliance. A review of training costs is being conducted and budget adjustments may be presented in a quarterly budget report to the Board of Supervisors.