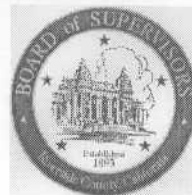


SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA



FROM: Supervisor Buster

SUBMITTAL DATE: May 5, 2006

SUBJECT: Establishment of Ad Hoc Poultry/Egg Farm Committee for Victoria Grove (El Sobrante) area

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board 1) Join me in establishing an Ad Hoc Committee to review and discuss issues pertaining to the encroachment of urbanization on Poultry/Egg Farms in the Victoria Grove (El Sobrante area: and 2) That the committee include two representatives from the poultry/egg industry, two representatives from Victoria Grove and staff from Environmental Health, Planning and the Agricultural Commissioners office to work with my office.

BACKGROUND: Historically, there have been many agricultural operations throughout the El Sobrante area. Due to development approvals dating back to the late 80's and early 90's, however, the rural landscape has been drastically changed. Much of the historic citrus groves have been cleared and new housing projects are being built. As a result, urbanization is now encroaching increasingly close to long-time, high intensity agricultural activities such as poultry/egg farms. In an effort to provide a forum for both the new residents and the existing farms in the El Sobrante area to better understand the challenges we now face, I propose the establishment of this ad-hoc committee. It is my expectation that the committee can work through my office with the appropriate County staff to gain a better understanding of the immediate issues surrounding the Victoria Grove area and discuss policy changes that might help us in the future.

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