

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



FROM: Supervisor Marion Ashley
Supervisor Jeff Stone

SUBMITTAL DATE: October 26, 2006

SUBJECT: Reward for Information Leading to the Arrest and Conviction of the Person(s)
Responsible for setting the Esperanza Fire near Cabazon

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

That the Board of Supervisors: Approve the offer of a reward up to \$100,000 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person(s) responsible for setting the Esperanza Fire.

BACKGROUND: At approximately 1:30 a.m. on Oct. 26, an arsonist set a fire southeast of Cabazon on Esperanza Avenue. Pushed by fierce winds, the fire burned thousands of acres and killed at least four U.S. Forest Service firefighters. In response to this heinous crime, the Riverside County Board of Supervisors hereby offers up to \$100,000 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person(s) who set the Esperanza Fire.

Supv. Marion Ashley, 5th Dist

Supv. Jeff Stone, 3rd Dist.