

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



**FROM:** Supervisor Bob Buster, 1<sup>st</sup> District

**SUBMITTAL DATE:**  
November 21, 2006

**SUBJECT:** Fire Hazard Reduction Task Force

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