

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



**FROM:** Supervisor Marion Ashley and Supervisor Jeff Stone    **SUBMITTAL DATE:** October 23, 2007

**SUBJECT:** Resolution Number 2007-481 Supporting the Retention of the County's Existing Central Vector Control District Boundaries.

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:**

1. That the Board adopt Resolution #2007-481
2. That the Board authorize the Chairman to transmit the attached letter accompanied by Resolution #2007-481 to the Riverside County Local Agency Formation Commission.

**BACKGROUND:** Due to the continuing desire of the two existing Special Mosquito and Vector Control Districts to expand, the Riverside County Local Agency Formation Commission hired a consultant to conduct a County-wide study of vector control service delivery and the boundaries in which these services are provided. The study was funded with monies contributed by the County and the two Special Districts.

The study fails to address important aspects of vector control service delivery. The study is clearly biased toward the Northwest Mosquito and Vector Control District (NWMVCD) and the Coachella Valley Vector and Mosquito Control District (CVMVCD). The study incorrectly concludes that the level of vector control service is better in NWMVCD and CVMVCD because they have a higher level of funding.

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No data was presented to substantiate this conclusion, nor was there an analysis of the level of service necessary or actually provided in the various geographic areas of the County.

Without providing any evidence, the study concludes that NWMVCD and CVMVCD are more efficient than the County. However, the data provided in the study shows the contrary. The annual per capita cost breaks down as follows:

Riverside County: \$0.82

NWMVCD: \$6.75

CVMVCD: \$21.00

In comparing each agency's resources, the study fails to recognize the extensive resources available to the County. In addition to the staff assigned to the Vector Control Program there are numerous additional staff available if the need arises. This includes field service staff that can perform vector control work, laboratory services, disease investigations by epidemiologists, public information/outreach, etc. to address such vector issues. With regard to funding, the Board does not hesitate to provide the additional funding needed to address critical needs and/or situations.

In 2006, another attempt by NWMVCD to expand into the county's service area did not receive approval from WRCOG.

We believe that our constituents would be best served by leaving our Central Vector Control District boundaries and the sphere of influence in this area as they currently exist. Retaining the County's current District boundaries will provide the incorporated and unincorporated areas with the appropriate level of service at the least cost, leaving the option to consider parcel assessments when the Board of Supervisors deems it appropriate to do so. In addition, we believe the Board of Supervisors' high level of oversight of the County's Vector Control Program better serves the public by providing more transparency and accountability.

2 RESOLUTION NO. 2007-481

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4 A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE SUPPORTING THE RETENTION OF THE  
5 COUNTY'S EXISTING CENTRAL VECTOR CONTROL DISTRICT BOUNDARIES

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7 WHEREAS, Riverside County Ordinance 728 has established the powers of a Vector  
8 Control District as set forth in the California Government Code 25842.5; and

9 WHEREAS, Riverside County Ordinance 728 also established District boundaries in the  
10 central portion of the County as described in Exhibit I and II of said Ordinance; and

11 WHEREAS, the Riverside County Local Agency Formation Commission commissioned a  
12 special study of mosquito and vector control services in Riverside County; and

13 WHEREAS, said study fails to provide any evidence that the services provided by the  
14 County are in any way inferior to those provided by the existing mosquito and vector control  
15 districts; and

16 WHEREAS, said study shows that the per capita cost of providing these equally effective  
17 services is substantially lower in the County's service area compared to the North West  
18 Mosquito and Vector Control District, and the Coachella Valley Vector and Mosquito Control  
19 District; and

20 WHEREAS, said study makes recommendations that would expand the North West  
21 Mosquito and Vector Control District's boundaries and sphere of influence into the County's  
22 entire Central District boundaries; and

23 WHEREAS, the study's recommended boundary and sphere of influence changes would  
24 significantly raise the cost of services in the County's area and severely impact the County's  
25 ability to sustain vector control services to unincorporated areas as well as to the those cities  
who contract with the County for this service.

1 BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDERED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of  
2 Riverside, State of California, in regular session assembled on \_\_\_\_\_, find that our  
3 constituents in the County's Vector Control District boundaries are more efficiently served by our  
4 existing Vector Control Program and we oppose the expansion of the North West Mosquito and  
5 Vector Control District, and the Coachella Valley Vector and Mosquito Control District into the  
6 County's Central District boundaries, including any change to their spheres of influence into this  
7 area.

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ORDERED that a copy of this Resolution accompanied  
9 by a letter from the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors shall be transmitted to the Riverside  
10 County Local Agency Formation Commission.