

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



FROM: Supervisor Jeff Stone **SUBMITTAL DATE:** January 8, 2008

SUBJECT: Grant Authority to Western Riverside County Regional Conservation Authority

RECOMMENDED MOTION: Grant authority to the Western Riverside County Regional Conservation Authority (RCA) to obtain clearances from Federal and State agencies and undertake a criteria refinement on behalf of the County of Riverside.

BACKGROUND: Under the terms of Multi-Species Habitat Conservation Plan (MSHCP) and the joint powers authority, the RCA purchases conservation land on behalf of the County and Cities, and may under take criteria refinements and related administrative tasks, when requested by the local permittee, and approved by the RCA Board of Directors.

I am requesting that the Board of Supervisors grant the RCA the authority to act on behalf of the County to obtain Federal and State clearances for various transactions relating to the following properties owned by the County.

388-270-008, 388-270-009, 388-270-010, 388-270-015, 472-050-001, 472-050-004,
472-050-005, 480-010-001, 480-010-002

If endorsed by the RCA Board, the RCA Staff would work with the Wildlife Conservation Board, the California Department of Fish and Game, and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to re-assign State and Federal funds granted to the County in 2002. In addition, the RCA would complete a criteria refinement to reconcile conservation acreage goals. This would be accomplished in consultation with County Staff and Counsel.

Jeff Stone, Third District Supervisor