

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



FROM: Roy Wilson and Marion Ashley

SUBMITTAL DATE: March 11, 2008

SUBJECT: Resolution 2008-152 Energy Conservation and Resource Sustainability


RECOMMENDED MOTION:

1. Approve and Adopt Resolution 2008-152, a Resolution of the Riverside County Board of Supervisors in support of energy conservation and resource sustainability for the Coachella Valley and regional efforts throughout Riverside County,
2. Agree to join the Coachella Valley Energy Conservation Initiative to advance regional energy conservation goals that include reducing per capita energy consumption by 10% by 2012, and
3. Resolve that energy conservation, the development of sustainable and alternative energy technologies, and the use of "best practices" will be incorporated into planning and decision making policies for the County of Riverside.

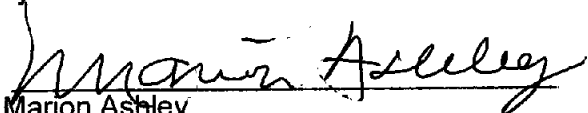
BACKGROUND: The Coachella Valley Association of Governments (CVAG) Executive Committee, at their January 28, 2008, meeting endorsed a model resolution that was developed by the Energy Conservation Subcommittee. The model Resolution on Energy Conservation and Resource Sustainability is part of the Energy Conservation Action Plan adopted by the CVAG Executive Committee. Resolution 2008-152 is the County's version of that model resolution and sets forth goals that foster and encourage energy conservation and resource sustainability through wise stewardship. Local utilities have agreed to join in this partnership effort and a resource/best practices manual is being developed to assist communities in meeting the energy conservation goals

Resolution 2008-152 provides a framework for energy efficiency and conservation efforts throughout the region. It is intended to be flexible and adaptable to the needs of the County of Riverside

Resolution 2008-152 also provides the opportunity for the County to join the Coachella Valley Energy Conservation Initiative and strive to reach the regional energy conservation goal to reduce per capita energy consumption by 10% by 2012.



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RESOLUTION NO. 2008-152

ENERGY CONSERVATION AND RESOURCE SUSTAINABILITY

WHEREAS, THE Coachella Valley is committed to a regional approach to adopt policies and implement programs which foster and encourage energy conservation and resource sustainability through wise stewardship by promoting efficient and innovative alternative energy technology for current and planned municipal activities, and through the delivery of education and information regarding individual opportunities for reducing energy use and conservation of resources for businesses and citizens throughout the region; and

WHEREAS, the Coachella Valley has abundant solar, wind and geothermal resources and there is economic opportunity in developing these resources to reduce our dependence on non-renewable energy sources and expand our use of renewable energy; and

WHEREAS, cities across the country and nations around the world are adopting programs and policies that provide economic and quality of life benefits such as reduced energy bills, air quality improvements, open space conservation, reduced traffic congestion, improved transportation choices, economic development and job creation through energy conservation and the development of new alternative energy technologies; and

WHEREAS, state and local governments throughout the United States are adopting emission reduction and energy conservation targets and programs and this leadership is broad based, bipartisan and collaborative; and

1 WHEREAS, reducing our energy use will result in cleaner air which is a critical
2 factor in preserving the Coachella Valley quality of life and economy, and

3 WHEREAS, the Coachella Valley supports regional efforts such as the Green
4 Valley Initiative to empower, encourage and promote principles of sustainability through
5 education, training, cooperation, leading by example, and to transform the Inland Empire
6 into a center of green technology; and

7 WHEREAS, the U.S. Conference of Mayors has previously adopted strong policy
8 resolutions calling for local, state and the federal government to take actions supporting
9 energy conservation and other efforts to reduce the potential of global warming pollution
10 and address impacts to climate change; and

11 WHEREAS, the Executive Committee of the Coachella Valley Association of
12 Governments has unanimously adopted a regional energy conservation goal to reduce
13 valley-wide per capita energy consumption by 10% by 2012;

14 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the County of Riverside agrees to
15 join the Coachella Valley Energy Conservation Initiative and hereby adopts the initiative
16 energy conservation goals, including the regional energy conservation goal to reduce
17 valley-wide per capita energy consumption by 10% by 2012; and

18 FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED that the County of Riverside will strive to meet or
19 exceed the energy conservation goal by taking actions in the region to be good stewards
20 of our environment, including:

- 21 1. Creating and adopting an energy action plan to include the following milestones:
- 22 1.1 Determine our baseline energy use, including an assessment of current
23 energy practices within our jurisdiction
- 24 1.2 Establish specific targets and long-term goals to create a framework for the
25 implementation of a countywide energy conservation plan
- 1.3 Develop an action plan to include a "menu" approach of programs and
 deliverables for the county to achieve
- 1.4 Implement policies and measures within the region that increase energy
 conservation and efficiency
- 1.5 Monitor results and highlight positive outcomes.

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2. Educating residents, businesses, visitors and government entities to reduce energy use and conserve energy by:
 - 2.1 Sharing information and promoting programs to encourage behavior changes that lead to lower energy bills
 - 2.2 Encouraging lower energy use during hot summer months by doing energy consuming activities during off peak periods

3. Adopting model energy efficient projects and programs highlighting innovative approaches for energy conservation, by utilizing sustainable and alternative energy technologies in municipal building and facility design.
 - 3.1 Incorporate energy conservation features in new and remodeled/retrofitted municipal buildings, capital projects, and other facilities, including energy efficient design, green building standards and other sustainability measures

4. Providing incentives, tools, and energy conservation programs that help individuals and businesses to decrease their peak and annual power use.

5. Adopting voluntary energy, green and sustainable energy programs for all new and existing buildings by encouraging market transformation through incentives.

6. adopting and enforcing land use policies that promote efficient energy use and resource sustainability

7. Providing sustainable and balanced transportation options that supports the quality of life valued by the citizens and visitors to the Coachella Valley, and

8. Encouraging the use and purchase of the clean and energy efficient alternative fuel vehicles for municipal fleets, and

9. Encouraging efforts to reduce our dependence on non-renewable energy sources within the region by creating an energy portfolio that includes local renewable energy resources such as wind, solar and geothermal.

10. Establishing a regional Energy and Environment Commission or task force to advance the previously stated objectives.

1 11. Promoting awareness and education about sustainable energy resources and
2 energy conservation through technology based media and other community and
3 regional outreach opportunities.

4 FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED that energy conservation, development of
5 sustainable and alternative energy technologies, and the use of "best practices" will be
6 incorporated into our planning and decision making policy for the County of Riverside.

7 NOW THEREFORE, the Board of Supervisors for the County of Riverside, in
8 regular secession on March 18, 2008, does hereby by APPROVE AND ADOPT
9 RESOLUTION 2008-152.
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