

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



FROM: Supervisor Marion Ashley

SUBMITTAL DATE:
June 9, 2008

SUBJECT: Riverside County Water Task Force funding

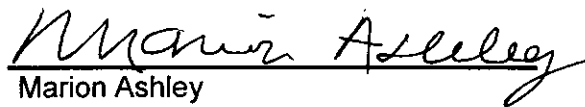
RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:

- 1) Authorize the expenditure of \$20,400 in contingency to fund the initial three months of administrative costs associated with the Riverside County Water Task Force;
- 2) Direct staff to return in 60 days to report on the status of contributions from other Water Task Force Members.
- 3) Direct the Auditor/Controller to make adjustments in Attachment "A"

BACKGROUND: Water availability is a critical issue throughout the state. Severe allocation reductions from the state water project, drought, an inability to fully recharge our local reserves, and a growing population have prompted water purveyors and local governments to reconsider the way they do business in Southern California. The Riverside County Water Task Force is a pro-active, regional forum for the County, water agencies, and other stakeholders to discuss key water-related issues and develop regional solutions. Most notably, the Task Force developed a ground-breaking Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance that was adopted by the County in December of 2006.

The Water Task Force was previously supported by the Fifth District office and went into hiatus shortly after the Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance was finalized. My colleagues at Western Municipal Water District, Eastern Municipal Water District, Metropolitan Water District and I believe that the Water Task Force is an essential vehicle to coordinate our on-going outreach efforts and guide our regional response(s) to key state issues. To that end, the Task Force was recently reconvened in March of 2008.

**REQUIRES
4/5th's VOTE**


Marion Ashley
Supervisor -- District 5

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Attachment "A"

Decrease Appropriations 10000-1109000000-581000	Approp For Contingencies	\$20,400
Increase Appropriations 10000-3120100000-510040	Regular Salaries	\$20,400