

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



FROM: Supervisor Wilson

SUBMITTAL DATE:
July 21, 2009

SUBJECT: Public Hearing to Adopt Resolution 2009-267, Authorizing the Board of Supervisors of the County of Riverside to act as Trustees of the Palo Verde Cemetery District.

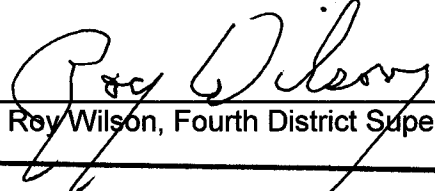
RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Adopt Resolution No. 2009-267 Authorizing the Board of Supervisors of the County of Riverside to act as Trustees of the Palo Verde Cemetery District; and
2. Appoint the existing Palo Verde Board of Trustees as an advisory board to the Board of Supervisors on Palo Verde Cemetery District matters; and
3. Authorize the Assistant County Executive Officer/EDA or his designee to represent the Board of Supervisors in cemetery district fiscal and operational matters.

BACKGROUND:

The Palo Verde Cemetery District Board of Trustees met on June 22, 2009, and adopted the attached Resolution No. 2009-001 requesting that the Board of Supervisors appoint itself as trustees for the district and that the current district board to be appointed as advisory to the Board of Supervisors. The request was made after nine months of the district struggling without paid employees and relying on a small army of dedicated volunteers for day to day operations. The district is also faced with limited revenues and reserves that would best be managed by full time paid staff.

Due to the significant operational and administrative challenges the District is currently facing, it is appropriate for the Board of Supervisors to adopt oversight of the operations of the Palo Verde Cemetery District. The Assistant Executive Officer/EDA or his designee will function as the Board's executive officer for the cemetery district in fiscal and operational matters. Staff will review other cemetery district operations and explore the feasibility of shared resources, personnel, and management structure.



Roy Wilson, Fourth District Supervisor

2 RESOLUTION NO. 2009-267

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4 A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF
5 RIVERSIDE AUTHORIZING THE RIVERSIDE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
6 TO ACT AS TRUSTEES OF THE PALO VERDE CEMETERY DISTRICT
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8 WHEREAS, on June 30, 2009, the Riverside County Board of Supervisors adopted Resolution
9 2009-239 declaring its intent to appoint itself as the Board of Trustees of the Palo Verde Cemetery District,
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12 WHEREAS, as noticed, a public hearing was conducted on July 21, 2009 as required under health
13 and Safety Code Section 9026(c), and

14 WHEREAS, no or insufficient protest was filed, pursuant to Health and Safety Code Section
15 9026(d), objecting to the proposed governance of the District.

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17 NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Riverside
18 is the governing body of the Palo Verde Cemetery District and the terms of any trustees appointed pursuant
19 to Health and Safety Code Section 9026 shall terminate immediately.

20 Effective Date. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

21 PASSED AND ADOPTED this ____ day of June 2009.

22 ATTEST:

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24 Clerk of the Board

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26 Jeff Stone, Chairman
27 Board of Supervisors of the County of Riverside

FORM APPROVED COUNTY COUNSEL
BY: 
TARSA R. WICKENS
DATE: 6/21/09
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RESOLUTION NO. 2009-001

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE PALO VERDE CEMETERY DISTRICT REQUESTING THE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ASSUME OVERSIGHT RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE PALO VERDE CEMETERY DISTRICT

WHEREAS, the Palo Verde Cemetery District ("District") was established on January 29, 1951 for the purpose of maintaining a cemetery, and

WHEREAS, the District has served the Palo Verde community well for most of its history, and

WHEREAS, the District is currently facing significant financial challenges due to mismanagement by former District administrative staff, and

WHEREAS, a new three member District Board of Trustees was appointed by the Board of Supervisors on September 2, 2008, and

WHEREAS, on September 10, 2008, the District Board of Trustees laid off the District's general manager who in turn had just laid off all of the other district employees due to limited reserves and insufficient revenue, and

WHEREAS, the Board of trustees along with a small army of community volunteers have provided the necessary support to maintain the District during the past nine months, and

WHEREAS, it has become increasingly difficult to maintain the services at the Palo Verde Cemetery without paid employees,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS by the Palo Verde Cemetery District Board of Trustees, assembled in a special session on June 22, 2009

1. That the Palo Verde Valley Cemetery District Board of Trustees formally requests that the Riverside County Board of Supervisors become the governing body of the Palo Verde Cemetery District, and
2. That the existing Palo Verde Cemetery District Board of Trustees be designated as the advisory board on Palo Verde Cemetery District matters to the County Board of Supervisors.
3. That the District residents can petition the Board of Supervisors at any time in the future to reappoint local residents as trustees and return to the current governing structure that is in place now.