

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



SUBMITTAL DATE:
October 27, 2009

FROM: Supervisor Bob Buster

SUBJECT: Adoption of the READY, SET, GO Program for Riverside County

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

Request that the Board of Supervisors endorse, by proclamation, the "READY, SET GO" Program for Riverside County, Resolution No. 2009-287.

BACKGROUND: Following the tragic Esperanza Fire in 2006, the Fire Hazard Reduction Task Force (FHRTF) was formed, and charged with reviewing and providing recommended direction for the reduction of fire hazards and the clarification of evacuation measures throughout the County. After review of the "Ready, Set, Go!" Program, currently in use in several Southern California counties, the FHRTF highly recommends implementation in Riverside County. "Ready, Set, Go!" is an educational program designed to ensure that residents have done all they can to make their homes resistant to wildfires and have prepared their families to leave early and safely.

Bob Buster

Bob Buster – Supervisor, First District

Departmental Concurrence

FINANCIAL DATA

Current F.Y. Total Cost: \$
Current F.Y. Net County Cost: \$
Annual Net County Cost: \$

In Current Year Budget:
Budget Adjustment:
For Fiscal Year:

SOURCE OF FUNDS:

Positions To Be Deleted Per A-30	<input type="checkbox"/>
Requires 4/5 Vote	<input type="checkbox"/>

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION:

County Executive Office Signature

- Dep't Recomm.: Consent Policy
- Per Exec. Ofc.: Consent Policy

Prev. Agn. Ref.:

District: All

Agenda Number:

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2 RESOLUTION NO. 2009-287

3 ADOPTION OF THE READY, SET, GO! PROGRAM FOR RIVERSIDE COUNTY

4 WHEREAS, wildfires, fueled by a build-up of dry vegetation and driven by hot, dry
5 winds, are extremely dangerous and almost impossible to control; and

6 WHEREAS, wildfires are now a year-round reality in Riverside County, and this means
7 that both firefighters and residents have to be on heightened alert for the threat of wildfire at
8 all times; and

9 WHEREAS, firefighters train hard and make countless preparations to be ready for a
10 wildfire but residents need to do the same, successfully preparing themselves for a wildfire
11 and taking personal responsibility for protecting themselves, their families and their property;
12 and

13 WHEREAS, following the tragic Esperanza Fire in October 2006, the Riverside County
14 Board of Supervisors created the Fire Hazard Reduction Task Force in November 2006, which
15 is comprised of representatives from federal, state and local fire agencies, the County's
16 Executive Office, Sheriff's Department, Office of Emergency Services, Code Enforcement,
17 land use and planning staff, environmental groups, and one appointed representative from
18 each Superivsorial District; and

19 WHEREAS, the Task Force was charged with reviewing and providing recommended
20 direction for the reduction of fire hazards and the clarification of evacuation measures
21 throughout the County; and

22 WHEREAS, the Task Force has reviewed the "Ready, Set, Go!" Program, which is an
23 educational program designed to ensure that residents have done all they can to make their
24 homes resistant to wildfires and have prepared their families to leave early and safely, and the
25 Task Force does highly recommend this program's implementation in Riverside County.

26 NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, DETERMINED AND ORDERED by the Board
27 of Supervisors of the County of Riverside, State of California, in regular session assembled on
28 October XX, 2009, to adopt by resolution the "Ready, Set, Go!" Program as the tool to inform

1 and educate Riverside County's residents on the urgent need for preparation, and directs the
2 Riverside County Fire Department and the Fire Hazard Reduction Task Force to carry out this
3 education process.

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