

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



FROM: Supervisor Bob Buster

SUBMITTAL DATE:
May 4, 2010

SUBJECT: Reduce, Reuse and Recycle Riverside County

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors direct the Assistant County Executive Officer-EDA to establish a more robust recycling program, on a 12 month trial basis, at the County Administrative Center in the City of Riverside. Should the program be a success for diversion goals and not increase net county costs to provide recycling, the board would implement the program at all county facilities where economically feasible after the trial period has been completed. Products to be recycled would be paper, newsprint, cardboard, bottles, cans, and plastics.

BACKGROUND: The California Legislature passed and the Governor signed Assembly Bill 939 over a decade ago. AB 939 established a baseline for waste streams in public and private landfills and diversion goals to reduce the amount of recyclable material deposited in landfills across the state. Riverside County and its cities began a diversion program and have avoided the \$10,000 per day fines associated with failing to meet diversion goals. Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle Riverside County would be one more affirmative step in implementing sound policy and offering county employees the opportunity to voluntarily recycle.

It is anticipated that increased recycling efforts will save the county costs on trash service fees as encouraged by SCRAPE.

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Departmental Concurrence