

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



**FROM:** Supervisor Jeff Stone

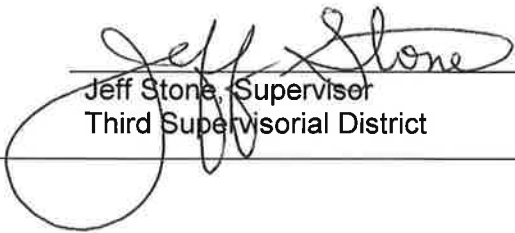
**SUBMITTAL DATE:** October 19, 2011

**SUBJECT:** SABER (Safeguard Artifacts Being Excavated in Riverside County) Policy

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Enact a new Policy, the "SABER POLICY", that mandates any artifacts (non-native American) found or unearthed in the County of Riverside be transferred to the Western Science Center in the City of Hemet for cataloguing, study, and if appropriate, display.
2. As a part of the General Plan Update (GPA No. 960), amend the Multi-purpose Element policies to implement the SABER Policy by redirecting all paleontological artifacts found in the County of Riverside to the Western Science Center in the City of Hemet.
3. Also, direct Planning department staff to include the following condition, where applicable.  
The property owner and/or applicant on whose land the artifacts are discovered shall provide appropriate funding for curating, storing, and if appropriate, displaying of the artifacts to the institution where the artifacts will be placed. Payment shall be made directly to the institution.

**BACKGROUND:** While grading a project in the San Timoteo Canyon in the County of Riverside, the skeletal remains of what is thought to be a "Saber Toothed Tiger" was discovered. Previously through the General Plan policies, the County of Riverside directed transmittals and curating of these paleontological artifacts (non-native American) to the San Bernardino Museum located in the City of Redlands. While this was the practice for decades, the County of Riverside now accommodates a world-class museum in the Western Science Center where such fossilized biotic remains of its ancient environments could be collected and displayed. Therefore, the General Plan policies need to be revised through GPA 960 to re-direct cataloging, study and if appropriate, display of these County paleontological artifacts to facilities located within the County of Riverside, including the Western Science Center in the City of Hemet.

  
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