

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



FROM: Supervisor John J. Benoit

SUBMITTAL DATE: April 10, 2012

SUBJECT: Authorization to use the Riverside County Fair & National Date Festival parking lot

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

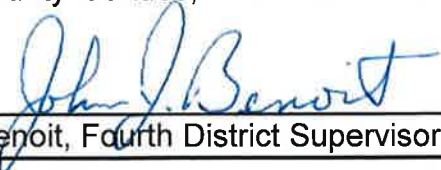
That the Board of Supervisors approve the waiver of rental fees for use of the Riverside County Fairgrounds parking lot located in Indio.

BACKGROUND:

The South Coast AQMD is interested in partnering with the County of Riverside in conducting a lawn mower exchange program in Indio. The organization has requested to use a portion of the Riverside County Fairgrounds parking lot for this event. Through this program, residents can trade in their old gasoline-powered lawn mowers and buy a new battery-powered electric mower for as low as \$100. This opportunity is available to all residents of Orange, Los Angeles, Riverside and portions of San Bernardino counties. This would be first such event at this location.

This drive-thru event will draw about 300 residents from Indio and the neighboring communities, each of whom will be pre-registered and assigned a specific time slot to arrive. This should eliminate traffic control problems, and customers are typically through with the entire process in about 10 minutes. They never have to get out of their cars. The old mowers are unloaded and then new mowers are loaded for them. The event will be conducted on Saturday, May 19th from 6 am to noon, with set up taking place the preceding Friday. All bins and materials will be removed from the parking lot by 2 pm Saturday. The mower company will hire a security guard to protect the materials that are placed in the lot on Friday.

To support this event, I am requesting approval of the waiver of rental fees for use of the parking lot at the fairgrounds. AQMD will still have to provide the proper evidentiary coverage and security deposit normally required for use of county facilities, which is outlined in Board Policy H-20.



John J. Benoit, Fourth District Supervisor