

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



**FROM:** Supervisors Bob Buster &  
Supervisor John Tavaglione

**SUBMITTAL DATE:** July 3, 2012

**SUBJECT:** Support for the 2012 Farm Bill, as requested by the Farm Bureau of  
Riverside County

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

1. That the County of Riverside support the 2012 Farm Bill in the Congress of the Unites States and the Senate of the Unites States.
2. That the County of Riverside supports the signing of the 2012 Farm Bill within the administration in Washington, D.C.
3. That the county's legislative advocates based in Washington, D.C. advocate for said bill immediately.
4. That the County Executive Officer, Agricultural Commissioner, and Trade Commissioner be tasked with coordinating this effort with our lobby team in Washington, D.C., and our elected representatives.

**BACKGROUND:** On Monday, June 25, 2012 the County Executive Officer, County Agricultural Commissioner and Trade Commissioner met with elected board members and the executive director of the Riverside County Farm Bureau. Support for the 2012 Farm Bill was agreed upon by all parties as it is in the best economic interest of the County. This Farm Bill has been delayed by a number of amendments, now reduced to fewer than 90. It is expected to pass in the Senate. The House has already taken up the bill. This bill supports multiple millions of dollars in assistance to our farmers and also contains critical funding for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). The benefits to our farmers in this particular bill are for marketing their crops in international markets (\$60 million). Additional staff support for this 2012 Farm Bill will be provided by the County Ag and Trade Commissioners working cooperatively. This is a five year bill and this is the first and last time staff will be able to advocate for its passage thru 2017-2018.

*Bob Buster*

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Supervisor, First District

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