

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

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FROM: Executive Office

SUBMITTAL DATE:  
June 26, 2012

SUBJECT: Contribution of AB2766 Funds Toward Replacement of Video Conferencing Equipment for the County.

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** That the Board of Supervisors approve the contribution of Air Quality Funds (AB 2766) to replace outdated video conferencing equipment for the Board of Supervisors and the Executive Office.

**BACKGROUND:** The Clerk of the Board's IT staff and the Executive Office have evaluated options for the replacement of existing video conferencing capabilities within the Riverside County Administrative Center (CAC) and the Fourth District Supervisorial Office in Palm Desert. The equipment in Palm Desert and Riverside is past its useful life and needs replacement. The three existing units were evaluated and based on their age, limited functionality, and the fact that they are inter-related, it is recommended that all three units should be replaced with similar equipment for compatibility.

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**FINANCIAL  
DATA**

Current F.Y. Total Cost: \$ 40,000  
Current F.Y. Net County Cost: \$ 0  
Annual Net County Cost: \$ 0

In Current Year Budget: Yes  
Budget Adjustment: No  
For Fiscal Year: 2012-13

SOURCE OF FUNDS: AB2766 Air Quality Funds

Positions To Be Deleted Per A-30 ☐

Requires 4/5 Vote ☐

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION:

APPROVE

BY:

*Christopher M. Hans*  
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County Executive Office Signature

Dep't Recomm.:  
Per Exec. Ofc.:  
☐ Consent  
☒ Policy  
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Prev. Agn. Ref.:

District: All

Agenda Number:

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**BACKGROUND continued:** Due to changes in technology, the current equipment is outdated and on occasion has proved difficult in communicating with various other governmental entities (such as AQMD). The county's current system utilizes ISDN phone lines for connectivity which are expensive to maintain/use. The newer systems would utilize the internet protocol (IP) using existing internet connectivity without adding strain to the County's wide area network (CORNET).

Staff researched available technologies and received demonstration models to test in the Clerk of the Board's Office and the Fourth District Office. These models have high functionality and will be less expensive to operate than the current video conferencing units. In addition, these units are capable of communicating using various communication applications such as SKYPE. Their versatility will provide greater opportunities for use as staff realizes the flexibility and additional functionality available with the newer systems.

After reviewing technology needs, it was determined that the selected vendor is able to provide both sales and service/support for the equipment at the best price and support at the highest level. The selected equipment from the Video Conferencing Store will significantly upgrade our ability to video conference and teleconference while improving the video and voice quality at less cost than the units previously utilized.

Video Conferencing is a supported program by the South Coast Air Quality Management District as it enables staff to attend meetings without having to travel, thereby assisting in reducing traffic congestion by keeping staff off the highways. Since the replacement video conferencing equipment meets the goals and objectives of AB 2766, staff is requesting approval of the \$40,000 contribution from the County's AB 2766 air quality funds which have been specifically earmarked for replacement of aging video conferencing equipment.