

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



**FROM:** Supervisor Marion Ashley

**SUBMITTAL DATE:** May 1, 2013

**SUBJECT:** Resolution of Support for State Funding of the Dam repairs at the Lake Perris.

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** That the Board of Supervisors approves sending the resolution of support to the members of the Riverside County State Legislature and the Governor.

**BACKGROUND:**

In 2005, the Department of Water Resources (DWR) identified potential seismic safety risks in the foundation of Perris Dam, located in between the cities of Moreno Valley and Perris, it is the southernmost State Water Project facility and the southern terminus of the East Branch of the California Aqueduct.

While there was no imminent threat to life or property, in the interest of ensuring public safety, the state lowered the water level of Lake Perris to conduct the EIR process and complete repairs. The Governor's budget proposal is to have water contractors pay almost two-thirds of the cost of the new dam and the state pay 32 percent. The estimated cost of the repairs is \$287 million with the state's share equal to \$92 million.

The Lake Perris State Recreation Area is one of the State's most popular recreation destinations, with an average annual attendance of 1.1 million visitors.

Please join me in supporting the resolution.

  
Marion Ashley, Supervisor District Five

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3 **RESOLUTION NO. 2013-117**

4 **A RESOLUTION OF THE RIVERSIDE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS SUPPORTING STATE**  
5 **FUNDING FOR THE LAKE PERRIS RECREATION AREA**

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7 **WHEREAS**, Lake Perris is the southern end of the State Water Project and was approved by voters in 1960.  
8 The project moves water from Northern California to parts of the San Francisco Bay Area, the Central Valley  
9 and Southern California; and

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11 **WHEREAS**, Lake Perris opened in 1971 and Lake Perris State Recreation Area today is among the most  
12 popular state parks in Southern California; and

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14 **WHEREAS**, The Lake Perris State Recreation Area is a jewel in the crown of the Golden state and a home for a  
15 rainbow of colorful plants and flowers and a sanctuary for migratory birds; and

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17 **WHEREAS**, The Lake attracts more than 1.1 million visitors each year generating tens of millions of dollars of  
18 economic activity for Riverside; and

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20 **WHEREAS**, Visitors participate in many recreational activities such as fishing derbies, boating, concerts,  
21 hiking, horseback riding and family barbeques; and

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23 **WHEREAS**, The Ya'I Heki' Museum houses Native American history that represents the many different  
24 cultures which provides an educational experience of the indigenous peoples of the southern California deserts;  
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1 **WHEREAS**, In 2005, state engineers concluded that an earthquake could cause the lake's earthen dam to  
2 collapse. The dam at Lake Perris is in need of safety repairs and Governor Brown has pledged \$92 million in  
3 state funds; and  
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5 **WHEREAS**, The entire region wholeheartedly supports the Governor's commitment to the dam improvements  
6 which will restore activities to the Lake Perris State Recreation Area.  
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8 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Supervisors of Riverside County on this 7<sup>th</sup> day  
9 of May in 2013, hereby recognizes and commends Governor Jerry Brown's commitment to repairing the dam at  
10 the Lake Perris Recreational Area which will recapture the vital recreation, historic, wildlife programs and  
11 economic activities in the Inland Empire.  
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John Tavaglione, Second District

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17 Jeff Stone, Third District

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Marion Ashley, Fifth District

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19 John Benoit, Fourth District

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