

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



**FROM:** Supervisor Stone

**SUBMITTAL DATE:** August 12, 2013

**SUBJECT:** Riverside County Offers Accessible Meetings (R.O.A.M.) Policy

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** That the Board of Supervisors direct the Executive Office to consider and analyze the feasibility of holding one Board of Supervisors meeting quarterly in the more remote geographic areas of the county such as:

1. Coachella Valley
2. Pass Area
3. Southwest
4. Palo Verde Valley

**BACKGROUND:** Riverside County is one of the largest geographical counties in the State of California, and is the 4<sup>th</sup> most populous. Distance and travel to Riverside to attend Board meetings can be prohibitive to many who either need or desire or are required to attend for many reasons. The ROAM policy would propose to make Board meetings more accessible to these remote areas, thereby making County officials more accessible also. Accessibility and transparency should be the standard for good government.

The Board should instruct the Executive Official to investigate and recommend appropriate venues in each of the respective geographic areas that could accommodate Board meetings, coordinate the dates and availability of staff to accompany the Board to such meetings, and work with County's Public Information Officer to appropriately advertise the meetings and communicate with public.

  
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