

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

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**FROM:** Department of Environmental Health

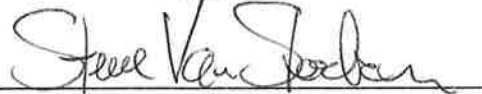
**SUBMITTAL DATE:**  
September 17, 2013

**SUBJECT:** Feasibility Survey to Fund the Department's Vector Control Program. A potential consultant expense of \$25,000-\$200,000 may result in annual program funding of approximately \$1,200,000. Applicable portions of all Districts would be surveyed for public opinion and potential voting.

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** That the Board of Supervisors: Authorize the Department of Environmental Health to work with the Executive Office and Purchasing Department to initiate a Request for Proposal (RFP) for using a qualified consultant to conduct a feasibility study and public opinion survey to potentially fund the Department's Vector Control Program via benefit assessment of the service area.

**BACKGROUND: Summary:** The Department of Environmental Health has provided vector control services to the central and far eastern portions of Riverside County since 1973. Current service contracts are maintained for cost recovery with the cities of Temecula, Murrieta, Menifee, Wildomar, Hemet, San Jacinto, Perris, Moreno Valley, Beaumont, and Banning.

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Steve Van Stockum  
Director

FINANCIAL DATA	Current Fiscal Year:	Next Fiscal Year:	Total Cost:	Ongoing Cost:	POLICY/CONSENT (per Exec. Office)
<b>COST</b>	\$ 25,000	\$ 175,000	\$ 200,000	\$ N/A	Consent <input type="checkbox"/> Policy <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>NET COUNTY COST</b>	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ N/A	
<b>SOURCE OF FUNDS:</b> Department accounts and funds.				<b>Budget Adjustment:</b> Yes	
				<b>For Fiscal Year:</b> 13/14;14/15	

**C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION:** Click here to [View Report](#)

**APPROVE**  
  
BY: Steven C. Horn, MPA

County Executive Office Signature

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

- Positions Added
- Change Order
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**BACKGROUND: Summary (continued):** However, services to the unincorporated areas have diminished over the past several years due to NCC funding cuts which has led to staffing, equipment, and supply reductions. In order to provide reliable, effective, and pro-active services in these areas, a stable funding source is needed to protect County residents and visitors from West Nile virus and other vector-borne diseases. The Department therefore recommends initiating a RFP for using a qualified consultant to conduct a feasibility study and public opinion survey to potentially fund the Vector Control Program via benefit assessment of the unincorporated service areas (Phase I). If the feasibility study is approved with favorable results, then the Department will return to the Board seeking approval to proceed with the required engineering, balloting, tabulation, and outreach to confirm public approval (Phase II). Both Phases I and II will be included in the Scope of Services for the RFP.

A proposed assessment would be similar to the existing funding mechanism of current vector control districts such as the Northwest Mosquito and Vector Control District and Coachella Valley Mosquito and Vector Control District as well as surrounding Environmental Health Vector Control Programs such as those established in San Bernardino County and San Diego County. If a proposed assessment is ultimately approved for up to 120,000 parcels, then program reliance on any Net County Cost should be eliminated.

The cities of Canyon Lake and Riverside recently obtained voter approval for annexation into the adjacent Vector Control District thus showing that the public appreciates the value of a very moderate (\$5-10) annual assessment to protect their communities and families from vector-borne diseases.

**Impact on Citizens and Businesses**

If approved, this process will allow parcel owners within the unincorporated area service boundaries to initially express their opinions and potentially cast votes to support maintained and enhanced vector control services with a very moderate benefit assessment.

**SUPPLEMENTAL: Additional Fiscal Information**

Preliminary research indicates a cost of approximately \$25,000 to have a qualified consultant work with the Department of Environmental Health to conduct a feasibility and public opinion survey (Phase I). This expense would be covered by restricted mosquito control funds. If the Phase I process indicates majority support as expected, then the Department will return to the Board to seek approval for Phase II. That process would potentially cost approximately \$175,000 and will include the required engineering, balloting, tabulation, and outreach to confirm public approval of a benefit assessment. This expense would also be covered by Department funds and account balances.