

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



FROM: Supervisor Stone

SUBMITTAL DATE:
September 25, 2015

SUBJECT: FIRE ACCESSING INMATE RESOURCES SERVICING HEAVILY OVER-GROWN TERRAIN (FAIR SHOT) Riverside County's jail space preservation program and enhanced fire protection plan

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors directs the County Executive Office and the Economic Development Agency to determine the feasibility of converting the former Twin Pines Ranch Juvenile Detention Facility into a County-owned and managed Fire Camp and in-mate rehabilitation center. Staff to report back to Board in 30 days.

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 Jeff Stone, Chairman
 Third District Supervisor

Departmental Concurrence

FINANCIAL DATA	Current Fiscal Year:	Next Fiscal Year:	Total Cost:	Ongoing Cost:	POLICY/CONSENT (per Exec. Office)
COST	\$ 0	\$ 0.	\$ 0	\$	Consent <input type="checkbox"/> Policy X <input type="checkbox"/>
NET COUNTY COST	\$	\$	\$	\$	

SOURCE OF FUNDS:	Budget Adjustment:
	For Fiscal Year:

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION:

County Executive Office Signature

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BACKGROUND:

The Twin Pines Ranch has served as a juvenile detention facility since it opened in 1947. Until June of this year, the facility was operated by the County's Probation Department as a juvenile detention and counseling center. Due to changes in the nature of juvenile detention and rehabilitation the Ranch has been closed. The facility, which sits on 1,108 acres in the San Jacinto Mountains above Banning, features numerous buildings including bunkhouses, an institutional kitchen, a small fire station, classrooms, and a gymnasium.

There are numerous areas of Riverside County that are exposed to the dangers of wild land fire, and the Twin Pines Ranch is situated in close proximity to several of these fire prone areas. The Ranch would be a natural candidate to serve as a fire camp, as well as a viable alternative for rehabilitation of criminal offenders. The Ranch facilities could accommodate about 80 to 120 in-mates in rehabilitation programs possibly relieving some jail overcrowding. There are a number of inmate-staffed fire crews stationed throughout the State of California that could use the Ranch as a valuable and cost effective firefighting staging area. The crew(s) stationed there could help with other emergency operations such as clearing brush, working on fire crews, sand bag filling and placement during flooding emergencies.

The Twin Pines Ranch could be able to accommodate a number of firefighting and fire mitigation uses, as well as in-mate rehabilitation programs and personnel with very minor modifications.

Impact on Citizens and Businesses

None

Additional Fiscal Information

None

ATTACHMENTS

None

Contract History and Price Reasonableness

N/A