

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



**FROM:** Supervisor John J. Benoit

**SUBMITTAL DATE:**  
August 5, 2016

**SUBJECT:** Approval of Membership within the Quad State Local Governments Authority. All Districts [\$150,000 - Total Cost for five years]. General purpose solar funds.

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve membership within the Quad State Local Government Authority; and
2. Authorize the Chairman to execute on behalf of the County.

**BACKGROUND:**

**Summary**

The Quad State Local Governments Authority, a Joint Powers Authority, was formed through the approval of a Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement pursuant to Chapter 5 (commencing with Section 6500) of Division 7 of Title 1 of the CA government Code, among its member counties from the states of Arizona, California, Nevada and Utah. The purpose of the organization is to advocate with wildlife and land management agencies for reasonable regulation, assures that local governments have a seat at the table in regional forums and organizations. The organization acts as a clearinghouse for information on agency programs and policies, advocates for local government positions in national forums, for example renewable energy mitigation, opposing land acquisition by federal agencies in absence of local concurrence.

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Departmental Concurrence

<b>FINANCIAL DATA</b>	<b>Current Fiscal Year:</b>	<b>Next Fiscal Year:</b>	<b>Total Cost:</b>	<b>Ongoing Cost:</b>	<b>POLICY/CONSENT (per Exec. Office)</b>
<b>COST</b>	\$ 29,800	\$ 30,000	\$ 150,000	\$	Consent <input type="checkbox"/> Policy <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>NET COUNTY COST</b>	\$	\$	\$	\$	
<b>SOURCE OF FUNDS:</b> General purpose solar funds				<b>Budget Adjustment:</b> No	
				<b>For Fiscal Year:</b> 16/17 – 20/21	

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

- A-30
- 4/5 Vote
- Positions Added
- Change Order

**Prev. Agn. Ref.:**

**District:** 4

**Agenda Number:**

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**BACKGROUND:**

**Summary (continued)**

Quad State has indicated that they will have the ability to provide more leverage as more counties join. Staff of Quad State indicate that they can provide meeting coverage and representation of county views and positions on issues. Examples include: Tortoise recovery implementation, land acquisitions, Lower Colorado MSCP, Desert Managers Group and Desert Landscape Conservation Cooperative.

Membership costs are based on an approved JPA formula that includes:

40% desert tortoise critical habitat

30% county population

30% desert acreage under federal jurisdiction (excluding military withdrawals and Indian reservations).

Based on this formula, the county's membership costs are \$29,800.

**Impact on Residents and Businesses**

Impacts to residents would be minimal, but could improve the county's communication on federal lands issues.

**SUPPLEMENTAL:**

**Additional Fiscal Information**

N/A

**Contract History and Price Reasonableness**

The Quad State JPA is a unique entity and the costs are reasonable for the tasks undertaken.