

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



**FROM:** Supervisor John J. Benoit  
Supervisor Jeff Stone

**SUBMITTAL DATE:** May 29, 2012

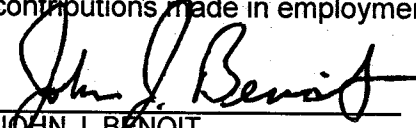
**SUBJECT:** Support for AB 1516, reform for licensing agricultural vehicles


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

1. That the County Executive Officer direct county lobbyists in Sacramento to express support for the passage and signing of AB 1516.
2. That the County Executive Officer use resources at his disposal to encourage all 28 cities of Riverside County, water districts, special districts, and non-governmental organizations to express support for AB 1516.
3. That the County Executive Officer use the resources of the Economic Development Agency, the Office of Foreign Trade, and the Office of the County Agricultural Commissioner to advocate for the passage AB 1516.

**BACKGROUND:** Riverside County is the proud home to over 1700 farming operations which produce approximately \$1 billion in annual agricultural production. The Riverside County farming industry ranks as one of the county's top employment opportunities, and it is estimated that crop values and economic impact of farming operations in Riverside County eclipse \$3 billion annually. Agricultural and ranching products are exported to 67 nations, making Riverside County a significant partner in the effort to feed those nations along with our own.

Reform of licensing and permitting of motor vehicles used in agricultural applications is in need of sweeping change. Support for AB 1516 means an increase to the gross Combined Vehicle Weight Rating threshold, from 26,000 to 28,500 pounds. It provides and exemption for pickup trucks with a flatbed configuration from commercial permitting and ensures that newer pickup trucks with a CVWR up to 14,000 pounds remain exempt from commercial permitting. The California Farm Bureau and a number of farming advocacy groups support the passage of AB 1516. It is the intent of the co-authors of this document to support the agricultural, ranching, and wine industries in recognizing the valuable contributions made in employment and economic development in our county by these industries.


  
JOHN J. BENOIT  
Supervisor – Fourth District

  
JEFF STONE  
Supervisor – Third District

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

On motion of Supervisor Tavaglione, seconded by Supervisor Stone and duly carried by unanimous vote, IT WAS ORDERED that the above matter is approved as recommended.

Ayes: Buster, Tavaglione, Stone, Benoit and Ashley  
Nays: None  
Absent: None  
Date: June 5, 2012  
xc: Supvr. Benoit, Supvr. Stone, EO, EDA, Ag. Comm.

Kecia Harper-Ihem  
Clerk of the Board  
By:   
3 Deputy



**Riverside County Board of Supervisors  
Request to Speak**

Submit request to Clerk of Board (right of podium),  
Speakers are entitled to three (3) minutes, subject  
Board Rules listed on the reverse side of this form.

**SPEAKER'S NAME:** STEVE PASTOR

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_  
(only if follow-up mail response requested)

**City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone #:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** JUNE 5, 2012 **Agenda #** 3.5

**PLEASE STATE YOUR POSITION BELOW:**

**Position on "Regular" (non-appealed) Agenda Item:**

**Support**       **Oppose**       **Neutral**

**Note:** If you are here for an agenda item that is filed  
for "Appeal", please state separately your position on  
the appeal below:

\_\_\_\_\_ **Support**      \_\_\_\_\_ **Oppose**      \_\_\_\_\_ **Neutral**

**I give my 3 minutes to:** \_\_\_\_\_

## **BOARD RULES**

### **Requests to Address Board on "Agenda" Items:**

You may request to be heard on a published agenda item. Requests to be heard must be submitted to the Clerk of the Board before the scheduled meeting time.

### **Requests to Address Board on items that are "NOT" on the Agenda:**

Notwithstanding any other provisions of these rules, member of the public shall have the right to address the Board during the mid-morning "Oral Communications" segment of the published agenda. Said purpose for address must pertain to issues which are under the direct jurisdiction of the Board of Supervisors. YOUR TIME WILL BE LIMITED TO THREE (3) MINUTES.

### **Power Point Presentations/Printed Material:**

Speakers who intend to conduct a formalized Power Point presentation or provide printed material must notify the Clerk of the Board's Office by 12 noon on the Monday preceding the Tuesday Board meeting, insuring that the Clerk's Office has sufficient copies of all printed materials and at least one (1) copy of the Power Point CD. Copies of printed material given to the Clerk (by Monday noon deadline) will be provided to each Supervisor. If you have the need to use the overhead "Elmo" projector at the Board meeting, please insure your material is clear and with proper contrast, notifying the Clerk well ahead of the meeting, of your intent to use the Elmo.

### **Individual Speaker Limits:**

**Individual speakers are limited to a maximum of three (3) minutes.** Please step up to the podium when the Chairman calls your name and begin speaking immediately. Pull the microphone to your mouth so that the Board, audience, and audio recording system hear you clearly. Once you start speaking, the "green" podium light will light. The "yellow" light will come on when you have one (1) minute remaining. When you have 30 seconds remaining, the "yellow" light will begin flash, indicating you must quickly wrap up your comments. Your time is up when the "red" light flashes. The Chairman adheres to a strict three (3) minutes per speaker. **Note: If you intend to give your time to a "Group/Organized Presentation", please state so clearly at the very bottom of the reverse side of this form.**

### **Group/Organized Presentations:**

Group/organized presentations with more than one (1) speaker will be limited to nine (9) minutes at the Chairman's discretion. The organizer of the presentation will automatically receive the first three (3) minutes, with the remaining six (6) minutes relinquished by other speakers, as requested by them on a completed "Request to Speak" form, and clearly indicated at the front bottom of the form.

### **Addressing the Board & Acknowledgement by Chairman:**

The Chairman will determine what order the speakers will address the Board, and will call on all speakers in pairs. The first speaker should immediately step to the podium and begin addressing the Board. The second speaker should take up a position in one of the chamber aisles in order to quickly step up to the podium after the preceding speaker. This is to afford an efficient and timely Board meeting, giving all attendees the opportunity to make their case. Speakers are prohibited from making personal attacks, and/or using coarse, crude, profane or vulgar language while speaking to the Board members, staff, the general public and/or meeting participants. Such behavior, at the discretion of the Board Chairman may result in removal from the Board Chambers by Sheriff Deputies.