

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



FROM: Supervisors John J. Benoit and Marion Ashley

SUBMITTAL DATE:
March 11, 2014

SUBJECT: Support for Funding Agricultural Education Incentive Grant,
Future Farmers of America

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Direct the county executive officer to inform our legislative advocates in Sacramento that the County of Riverside formally supports full funding of agricultural education programs, such as Future Farmers of America (FFA), in the current and future budgets;
2. Direct the county executive officer to inform the governor and each state senator and assemblymember of the board's desire to see full funding of agricultural education programs in the current and all future state budgets.

Departmental Concurrence

John J. Benoit
Supervisor John J. Benoit
Fourth District

Marion Ashley
Supervisor Marion Ashley
Fifth District

FINANCIAL DATA	Current Fiscal Year:	Next Fiscal Year:	Total Cost:	Ongoing Cost:	POLICY/CONSENT (per Exec. Office)
COST	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	Consent <input type="checkbox"/> Policy <input type="checkbox"/>
NET COUNTY COST	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	
SOURCE OF FUNDS: N/A				Budget Adjustment: 0	
				For Fiscal Year: 0	

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION: N/A

County Executive Office Signature

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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

Ayes: Jeffries, Tavaglione, Stone, Benoit and Ashley
 Nays: None
 Absent: None
 Date: March 11, 2014
 xc: Supvr. Benoit, Supvr. Ashley, E.O.

Kecia Harper-Ihem
 Clerk of the Board
 By: *Opal E. Ihem*
 Deputy

Prev. Agn. Ref.: _____ **District:** _____ **Agenda Number:** _____

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FORM 11: Agricultural Education Funding

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BACKGROUND:

Summary

The budget proposal released by Gov. Jerry Brown last month provides billions more for California schools over the course of the 2014-15 fiscal year, but contains proposals that would eliminate the Agricultural Education Incentive Grant, which supports agricultural education in the state's schools. The Agricultural Education Incentive Grant currently supports local agricultural education programs and FFA activities in more than 300 high schools statewide, with more than 74,000 students – up from 21,000 in the mid-1980s – enrolled in those programs.

Riverside County has a robust agriculture industry and enjoys a very successful relationship with FFA programs throughout the county. Failure to fully fund the Agricultural Education Incentive Grant will significantly impair educational and recreational opportunities for more than a thousand students participating in FFA programs throughout the county.

It is important for the board to show its support for the youth of the county involved in agricultural education programs, and the agricultural industry as a whole, by supporting full funding of the Agricultural Education Incentive Grant.

Impact on Citizens and Businesses

Elimination of the Agricultural Education Incentive Grant will adversely affect more than a thousand high school students currently participating in FFA and other agricultural education programs.

SUPPLEMENTAL:

Additional Fiscal Information

N/A

Contract History and Price Reasonableness

N/A