

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

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**FROM:** Executive Office

**SUBMITTAL DATE:**  
March 17, 2016

**SUBJECT:** S.B. 1136 – Fire Prevention: State Responsibility Areas: Report

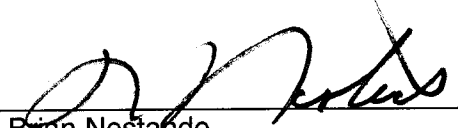
**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** That the Board of Supervisors:  
Support Bill S.B. 1136

**BACKGROUND:**

Summary

**S.B. 1136 :**

California Senate Bill 1136 otherwise known as the Fire Prevention: State Responsibility Areas: Report. Authored by California Senator Mike Morrell, is a bill which seeks a detailed report on how the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection spends monies collected from rural homeowners through the fire prevention fee adopted as a result of the passage of A.B. X1 29 in July of 2011.

  
Brian Nestande  
Deputy County Executive Officer

Departmental Concurrence

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

<b>SOURCE OF FUNDS:</b>	<b>Budget Adjustment:</b>
	<b>For Fiscal Year:</b>

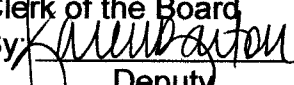
**C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION:**

  
County Executive Office Signature

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

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

Ayes: Jeffries, Tavaglione, Benoit and Ashley  
Nays: None  
Absent: Washington  
Date: March 29, 2016  
xc: E.O.

Kecia Harper-Ihem  
Clerk of the Board  
By:   
Deputy

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

Prev. Agn. Ref.: | District: All | Agenda Number:

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**BACKGROUND:**

**Summary (continued)**

Existing law requires the State Board of Forestry and Fire Protection to adopt emergency regulations to establish a fire prevention fee. This fee in amount is not to exceed \$150 and is to be charged on each structure, defined as a building used or intended to be used for human habitation, on a parcel that is within a state responsibility area (SRA), as defined. Existing law also requires that the state board adjust the fire prevention fee annually using prescribed methods, and requires the state board, until January 31, 2017, to report to the Legislature every January 31 on the status and uses of the fund.

S.B. 1136 would thus extend the time in which the State Board is required to report to the legislature from January 31, 2017 to January 31, 2021 and would additionally require that the report include specified information on each and every program which the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection uses monies that come from the fire prevention fee.

As per recent coverage on this issue it is estimated that there is a surplus of 43 million dollars as a result of collection of this fee. Yet this is without taking into account that the fire fund began the current fiscal year with reserves totaling more than half of the prevention money produced by the fee last year.

Riverside County has the 5<sup>th</sup> highest number of SRAs in the state, with approximately 32,000 homes contained within them. In supporting this bill the public is being ensured that fees are being used for the appropriate reasons while also providing a factor of transparency into the way money is being spent by the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection. Fires, and the damage they cause, are a serious issue within Riverside County. It is vital to have information regarding how each and every dollar is used and whether they are being used for their intended purpose.

**Impact on Residents and Businesses**

The action presented would affect residents of Riverside County by providing more accountability of their tax dollars.

**SUPPLEMENTAL:**

**Additional Fiscal Information**

N/A

**Contract History and Price Reasonableness**

N/A

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  
to Board Rules listed on the reverse side of this form.

SPEAKER'S NAME: Michelle Randall

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

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

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

Date: 3/29/16 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.