

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



**ITEM: 3.8**  
(ID # 21498)

**MEETING DATE:**  
Tuesday, April 18, 2023

**FROM :** EXECUTIVE OFFICE:

**SUBJECT:** EXECUTIVE OFFICE: Approve the 2023 Fireworks Safety and Enforcement Action Plan and Approve and Direct the Auditor-Controller to make the budget adjustments on the attached Schedule A., All Districts. [Total Cost - \$150,000; General Fund Contingency 100%]  
4/5th Vote Required

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

1. Approve the 2023 Fireworks Safety and Enforcement Action Plan; and
1. Approve and direct the Auditor-Controller to make the budget adjustments on the attached Schedule A

**ACTION:Policy, 4/5 Vote Required**

Juan C. Perez, Chief Operating Officer

3/29/2023

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**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

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

Ayes: Jeffries, Spiegel, Washington, Perez, and Gutierrez  
Nays: None  
Absent: None  
Date: April 18, 2023  
xc: E.O.

Kimberly A. Rector  
Clerk of the Board

By:   
Deputy

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<b>FINANCIAL DATA</b>	<b>Current Fiscal Year:</b>	<b>Next Fiscal Year:</b>	<b>Total Cost:</b>	<b>Ongoing Cost</b>
<b>COST</b>	\$ 150,000	\$ 0	\$ 150,000	\$ 0
<b>NET COUNTY COST</b>	\$ 150,000	\$ 0	\$ 150,000	\$ 0
<b>SOURCE OF FUNDS:</b> Contingency Funds – 100%			<b>Budget Adjustment:</b>	<b>Yes</b>
			<b>For Fiscal Year:</b>	22/23

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

**BACKGROUND:**

**Summary**

On May 11, 2021 (Agenda Item 3.39), the Board of Supervisors adopted Ordinance No. 858.2, prohibiting illegal fireworks and approved the Fireworks Safety and Enforcement Action Plan. Ordinance 858.2 which includes:

- Allowance for the sale and use of Safe and Sane Fireworks on the Fourth of July by permit at authorized county sites designated by the Fire Chief.
- Addition of property owner liability which authorizes enforcement against property owner or person in charge of property where a fireworks violation is occurring, even if the property owner is not the specific person engaging in the behavior.
- Addition of Administrative Civil Penalty which authorizes a civil penalty for violation of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) for the first offense, two thousand dollars (\$2,000) for the second offense within thirty-six (36) months, and five thousand dollars (\$5,000) for each subsequent offense within thirty-six (36) months. Violators will have the ability to appeal the administrative citation.

In 2021, a working group was established to create the Fireworks Safety and Enforcement Action Plan (Action Plan). The working group has reconvened annually to revisit the Action Plan to ensure best practices from the previous year are implemented for the upcoming holiday. The Action Plan includes:

- Establishing/maintaining Riverside County Sheriff Department (RSO) as the lead agency for deployment and enforcement.
- Staffing integration and deployment from RSO, Code Enforcement and Riverside County Fire Department.
- The issuance of citations.

The Code Enforcement Department will continue to work in conjunction with the Sheriff and Fire Departments for the issuance of the civil penalties included in the ordinance. An advertising campaign is planned to educate residents on the dangers of fireworks and the penalties for violation of the ordinance. The messaging campaign will include social media outreach, billboards and a Public Service Announcement that will include collaboration with all stakeholders. The estimated cost of \$125,000 for the messaging campaign was not previously budgeted and will require a new commitment from the general fund contingency in the current

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fiscal year, this includes the estimated cost of \$25,000 to the Transportation and Land Management Agency for twenty (20) changeable message sign rentals for messaging.

Residents can visit <https://www.riversidesheriff.org/555/Fireworks> or call the Riverside County hotline at (800) 950-2444 to report the use of illegal fireworks within Unincorporated Riverside County.

**Impact on Residents and Businesses**

A robust public information campaign and enforcement program will enhance the safety of our communities by lessening the risks associated with illegal fireworks.

**ATTACHMENT:**

**A. Schedule A**

**SCHEDULE A. BUDGET ADJUSTMENT FY 22/23**

Decrease appropriations:

10000-1109000000-581000	Appropriation for contingencies	\$150,000
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Anticipated increase of unassigned fund balance:

10000-1109000000-370100	Unassigned fund balance	\$150,000
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Increase appropriations:

10000-1102900000-523230	Miscellaneous Expense	\$150,000
	Total	\$150,000

Anticipated use of unassigned fund balance:

10000-1102900000-370100	Unassigned fund balance	\$150,000
	Total	\$150,000

  
Heydee Koury, Sr Accountant - Auditor 3/29/2023

  
Rebecca S Cortez, Principal Management Analyst 3/27/2023