

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



**ITEM: 2.5**  
(ID # 29472)

**MEETING DATE:**  
Tuesday, December 09, 2025

**FROM :** EXECUTIVE OFFICE

**SUBJECT:** EXECUTIVE OFFICE: Appointment of the Riverside County Fire Chief, Robert Fish. All Districts. [\$0].

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

1. Approve the appointment of Robert Fish as the Riverside County Fire Chief, effective December 9, 2025

**ACTION:Consent**

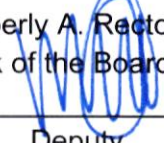
  
Michelle Paradise, ACEO 11/25/2025

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**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

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

Ayes: Medina, Spiegel, Washington, Perez, and Gutierrez  
Nays: None  
Absent: None  
Date: December 9, 2025  
xc: EO, Fire, Appointee, COB/AB/WM

Kimberly A. Rector  
Clerk of the Board  
By:   
Deputy

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

**BACKGROUND:**

**Summary**

The position of Riverside County Fire Chief oversees the Riverside County Fire Department and all fire protection, prevention, emergency medical response, and disaster preparedness services delivered through the cooperative agreement between Riverside County and CAL FIRE. The Fire Chief also serves as the County's lead in mutual aid coordination and operational planning for large-scale incidents and disasters affecting unincorporated and contract jurisdictions.

Pending the retirement of Chief Bill Weiser, two members of the Board of Supervisors, the Executive Office, and CAL FIRE conducted a selection process to identify a qualified successor capable of maintaining the department's operational excellence, fiscal responsibility, and community safety standards.

Chief Robert Fish has more than 34 years of distinguished fire service experience, most recently serving as Deputy Chief over East Operations. In east county he supervised operations from Beaumont to Blythe and supervised 10 of the 19 partner city contracts. Previously, he served as the Fire Chief Liaison for the Cities of Coachella, Indio, La Quinta, and the county communities of Mecca, Thermal, and Blythe. His leadership record demonstrates a strong commitment to firefighter safety, community partnerships, and interagency collaboration.

Therefore, Executive Office recommends the appointment of Robert Fish as Riverside County's Fire Chief. This will ensure continuity of leadership and will advance Riverside County's commitment to public safety, emergency readiness, and innovation in fire services.

**Impact on Residents and Businesses**

The Riverside County Fire Department is an essential element of the public safety system and has served as a valuable department serving the constituents of Riverside County.

**Additional Fiscal Information**

N/A