

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



FROM: Marion Ashley, Supervisor, Fifth District

SUBMITTAL DATE:

January 31, 2007

SUBJECT: First Amendment to Ordinance No.864.1, an Ordinance of the County of Riverside Establishing a 90 Day Moratorium for Septic Systems in Cherry Valley

Recommended Motion

1. That the Board introduce and set for public hearing the adoption of Ordinance No. 864.1 Amending Ordinance No. 864 to extend the effective date an additional 120 days.
2. That the Board authorize the Clerk to place an advertisement for the Public Hearing in the appropriate local publications.
3. That upon the close of the Public Hearing the Board adopt Riverside County Ordinance No. 864.1.

BACKGROUND:

Ordinance No. 864 establishing a 90 day moratorium for septic systems in Cherry Valley was adopted by the Board of Supervisors on October 17, 2006, in response to a study implicating septic systems in the deterioration of local groundwater supplies. A fixed term moratorium was requested to allow County staff to continue evaluating that study in conjunction with the Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board and to investigate appropriate long term options to protect the water resources of the community. While there has been significant progress in these endeavors, the Environmental Health Staff is requesting this period to be extended to allow further evaluation and consideration of the options.

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Recomm.: ☐ Consent ☐ Policy
Per Exec. Ofc.: ☐ Consent ☐ Policy

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Discussions between County staff and the Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board have yielded no basis for challenging the conclusions of the study. Additional information and studies by Wildermuth Environmental Inc., the preparer of the original study, will provide a better understanding of the potential time frames for the increasing levels of contamination, but are not expected to refute the original conclusions of the study.

Staff is still in the process of developing final long term standards for the area, including the level of oversight appropriate for, and available to, the Beaumont Cherry Valley Water District with regard a septic tank maintenance district for areas that are not expected to be sewered.

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