

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



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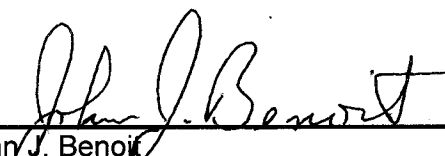
SUBJECT: Resolution No. 2010 – 084 Requesting that the Governor Suspend Implementation of the California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006 (AB 32) and Associated Statutes and Policies

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board Adopt Resolution No. 2010 - 084 and approve the Chair's transmittal letter to the Governor

BACKGROUND: Passed in 2006, the California Global Warming Solutions Act (AB 32) directs the state, principally the California Air Resources Board, to adopt regulations limiting greenhouse gas emissions and to monitor compliance with and enforce those regulations. AB 32 explicitly grants the Governor the authority to "adjust the applicable deadlines...for the state in aggregate" in the "event of extraordinary circumstances, catastrophic events, or threat of significant economic harm."

Riverside County has established a credible leadership role in protecting the environment and providing frameworks for sustainable development, and fully supports the goals of AB 32 and its implementing legislation. While providing the housing needed for Southern California, Riverside County has led the way in acknowledging a commitment to the environment for future generations, with the development some of the first and largest Multi Species Habitat Conservation Plans (MSHCPs). The General Plan adopted in 2003 is widely acknowledged and recognized for its innovative concepts in land use planning, with the inclusion of framework for transit oriented and multi-use development strategies. Many of the strategies and outcomes arising from AB32 and its related regulations and policies mirror both growing trends in local development and local planning efforts predating that regulation. Riverside County is processing master planned communities that incorporate higher densities, promote walkable communities and provide transit linkages that foster public transportation, which in turn reduces vehicle miles traveled, creates health Communities and improves air quality.

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