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SUPERVISOR, SECOND DISTRICT
SAN DIEGO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

AGENDA ITEM

DATE: June 14, 2011

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TO: Board of Supervisors

SUBJECT: SUPPORT FOR ASSEMBLY BILL 307 (NESTANDE): JOINT POWERS AGREEMENTS: FEDERALLY RECOGNIZED INDIAN TRIBES (DISTRICT: ALL)

SUMMARY:

Overview

San Diego County requires year-round preparedness for wildfires. Our region is constantly threatened by Santa Ana fueled winds, frequent drought conditions and an abundance of dead trees and vegetation on the brink of ignition. Many Tribes, both locally and statewide, have professional fire and EMS response capabilities that must be given the opportunity to join forces and play a vital role in wildland fire protection and emergency medical responses.

California State Assembly Bill 307 (Nestande) would amend the definition of “public agency” in Government Code 6500 so that federally recognized Tribes will be considered a public agency and therefore become eligible to enter into joint powers agreements. Passage of AB 307 would further enhance our capabilities to fight catastrophic fires by allowing Tribes to partner with local fire protection agencies to consolidate numerous functions such as communications, training, dispatch and brush abatement. A joint powers agreement also would be the means for Tribes to join our newly formed San Diego County Fire Authority, which will ultimately serve over 1.5 million acres by a streamlined, single consolidated agency.

Today’s action will request a letter be prepared by the Chief Administrative Officer stating San Diego County’s support for California State Assembly Bill 307 as well as direct the Chief Administrative Officer to include this action in the Board’s Legislative Program.

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Recommendation(s)

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1. Direct the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) to draft a letter communicating the Board of Supervisors' support of Assembly Bill 307 to San Diego County's legislative representatives in Sacramento and to the appropriate members of the State Legislature and Administration.
2. Direct the CAO to include in the County's Legislative Program support for state legislative efforts that allows a federally recognized Tribe to become eligible to enter into joint powers agreements in the County's Legislative Program.

Fiscal Impact

There is no fiscal impact associated with this action.

Business Impact Statement

N/A

Advisory Board Statement

N/A

BACKGROUND:

San Diego County is home to more Tribal Nations than any other county in the country, with 18 federally-recognized Tribes, 18 Reservations, and 17 Tribal Governments. Our region requires year-round preparedness for wildfires because of the constant threat by Santa Ana fueled winds, frequent drought conditions and an abundance of dead trees and vegetation on the brink of ignition. Many Tribes, both locally and statewide, have professional fire and EMS response capabilities that must be given the opportunity to join forces and play a vital role in wildland fire protection and emergency medical responses.

AB 307 exemplifies how federally recognized Tribes, local governments and public agencies can come together on a government-to-government basis and cooperatively work to effectuate change in their communities under the structure provided within the Joint Powers Act.

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It is important that we collaboratively do everything possible to protect the citizens of this region.

I urge your support!

Linkage to the County of San Diego Strategic Plan

N/A

Respectfully submitted,

DIANNE JACOB
Supervisor, Second District

ATTACHMENT(S)

N/A

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AGENDA ITEM INFORMATION SHEET

REQUIRES FOUR VOTES: Yes No

WRITTEN DISCLOSURE PER COUNTY CHARTER SECTION 1000.1 REQUIRED
 Yes No

PREVIOUS RELEVANT BOARD ACTIONS:
N/A

BOARD POLICIES APPLICABLE:
N/A

BOARD POLICY STATEMENTS:
N/A

MANDATORY COMPLIANCE:
N/A

ORACLE AWARD NUMBER(S) AND CONTRACT AND/OR REQUISITION NUMBER(S):
N/A

ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT: District 2, Board of Supervisors

OTHER CONCURRENCE(S): N/A

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