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SUPERVISOR, SECOND DISTRICT
SAN DIEGO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

AGENDA ITEM

DATE: March 14, 2012

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TO: Board of Supervisors

SUBJECT: PRESENTATION BY THE FERAL PIG WORKING GROUP

SUMMARY:

Overview

Feral pigs are not native to the San Diego region. It is believed that feral pigs were released into the San Diego River Watershed (SDRW) approximately four years ago. Currently it is estimated that there are at least 150 feral pigs in the backcountry, mostly along the SDRW and on lands owned and managed by the Cleveland National Forest, California State Parks, City of San Diego Public Utilities District and the Barona and Viejas tribal reservations.

Local feral pig populations have and will likely continue to vastly proliferate and expand their range by moving up the tributaries of the San Diego River Watershed. More alarming is that feral pigs can be problematic in several ways. They compete with native species and transmit diseases. In addition, as they create wallows and root for food, they cause considerable damage to property, agricultural lands and the natural environment.

In 2010, the Feral Pig Working Group was formed and tasked to explore effective measures that would reduce the spread of feral pigs in San Diego County. Today's item would allow the Feral Pig Working Group to give a presentation highlighting the feral pig problem in our region and provide potential strategies to address this pressing issue.

Recommendation(s)

SUPERVISOR JACOB

Receive a presentation from the Feral Pig Working Group highlighting the feral pig problem in San Diego County. |

Fiscal Impact

No fiscal impact associated with this action.

Business Impact Statement

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N/A

Advisory Board Statement

N/A

BACKGROUND:

Feral pigs are not native to the San Diego region. It is believed that feral pigs were released into the San Diego River Watershed (SDRW) approximately four years ago. Currently it is estimated that there are at least 150 feral pigs in the backcountry, mostly along the SDRW and on lands owned and managed by the Cleveland National Forest, California State Parks, City of San Diego Public Utilities District and the Barona and Viejas tribal reservations.

Local feral pig populations have and will likely continue to vastly proliferate and expand their range by moving up the tributaries of the San Diego River Watershed, primarily in riparian and oak grassland habitats. Feral pigs have the potential to significantly damage those habitats. More alarming is that feral pigs can be problematic in several other ways. They compete with native species and transmit diseases. In addition, as they wallow and root for food, they cause considerable damage to property, agricultural lands and the natural environment.

In 2010, a working group was formed and tasked to explore effective measures that would reduce the spread of feral pigs in San Diego County. The working group consists of representatives from the County of San Diego, U.S. Forest Service, California State Parks, U.S. Fish and Game, City of San Diego, Helix Water District, Vista Irrigation District, The Nature Conservancy, The Natural History Museum, the Barona Band of Mission Indians and the Viejas Band of Kumeyaay Indians. In addition, concurrently underway are two separate environmental documents being processed by California State Parks and U.S. Forest Service (CEQA and NEPA) for the potential development of a feral pig management program.

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Respectfully submitted,

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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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