

**REPORT/RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA
AND RECORD OF ACTION**

(Date)

FROM: LANCE LARSON, Director of Legislative Affairs

SUBJECT: Position supporting AB 63 (Emmerson) Land Swap Agreement

RECOMMENDATION:

1. Adopt a Board of Supervisors position in support of AB 63, Glen Helen Regional Park.
2. Authorize the Chairman of the Board to sign a letter of support for AB 63.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: The AB 63 legislation as introduced, will conclude a transaction between the County of San Bernardino and Pharris Sycamore Flats/Lytle Development Company (who are related entities both involved in this issue) that has been several years in the making. The desired outcome is that the County will receive nearly 15 acres of quality parkland adjacent to its holdings in Sycamore Flats as well as road access to its holdings in exchange for granting Pharris Sycamore Flats/Lytle Development Company a public road easement and 6.21 acres adjacent to the road in fee. This legislation is needed to amend Chapter 3.2 (beginning with section 5620) of division 5 of the California Public Resources code to allow for completion of the Lytle North project.

AB 63 is the culminating step for the transaction started by the County and Pharris Sycamore Flats/Lytle Development Company several years ago. Pharris Sycamore Flats provided 14.98 acres of parkland of at least equal open space and environmental value with a better slope in exchange for the road easement and the County's promise to support legislation approving the transfer of 6.21 acres in fee of parkland adjacent to the new road. Moreover, the County has benefited from the improved access to its parkland provided by the road constructed by Pharris Sycamore Flats/Lytle Development Company.

REVIEW BY OTHERS: This item has been reviewed by Lance Larson on March 15, 2007 (387-4821)

FINANCIAL IMPACT: No fiscal impact.

SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT: 2nd

PRESENTER: Lance Larson, 387-4821

Record of Action of the Board of Supervisors

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