



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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Agricultural Commissioner/Director of Weights and Measures

At its meeting held June 10, 2003, the Board took the following action:

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Supervisor Antonovich made the following statement:

“Forests in Riverside and San Bernardino Counties have recently been devastated by an infestation of bark beetles. Reports indicate that the insects are beginning to affect trees in Los Angeles County. It is imperative that we take immediate action to eradicate this problem because of the risk of fire.

“Bark beetles attack and kill mature trees by boring through the bark and mining the phloem, the tree’s vascular tissue responsible for the distribution of food material. Infestation is enhanced when the insects attack drought- or fire-stressed trees.

“I therefore recommend that the Board instruct the Agricultural Commissioner/Director of Weights and Measures, in conjunction with the Fire Chief, to report to the Board at the June 10, 2003 Board meeting regarding the bark beetle infestation in Los Angeles County and the preventive and/or corrective measures to battle this pestilence.”

Robert G. Atkins, Chief Deputy, Agricultural Commissioner/Weights and Measures, addressed the Board.

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After discussion, on motion of Supervisor Antonovich, seconded by Supervisor Molina, unanimously carried, the Agricultural Commissioner/Director of Weights and Measures was instructed to:

1. Report back to the Board within 30 days regarding the status of mitigating the bark beetle infestation in Los Angeles County and the preventive and/or corrective measures to battle this pestilence; and
2. Establish if the methods utilized in Riverside and San Bernardino Counties are effective in alleviating infestation in their region.

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