

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**



**ACTION ITEM 1.3**

**August 17, 2011**

**SUBJECT:** Self-Sufficiency Standard for Riverside County

**RECOMMENDATION:** That the Workforce Investment Board (WIB) Executive Committee approve recommended changes to the Self-Sufficiency Standard for Riverside County

**BACKGROUND:** On August 19, 2009, the WIB Executive Committee adopted the 2007 California Budget Project’s (CBP) Self-Sufficiency Standard hourly wage rates as the self-sufficient wage rate in Riverside County. The CBP’s Self-Sufficiency Standard takes into consideration the amount families and single adults need to earn in order to achieve a modest standard of living without assistance from public programs.

The CBP Self-Sufficiency Standard is based on four precise family sizes: Single Adult; Single Parent Family; Two Parent Family (One Working); Two Working Parent Family. Due to the limitations placed by having only four unit sizes, Workforce Development staff has found it difficult to calculate the hourly self-sufficient wage for family sizes that do not fall into these four categories. The recommended changes (Table 1) keep the 2007 Single Adult hourly wage rate established by the CBP and adopted by the WIB while providing staff with allowances for variations in family size.

**Table 1 – Riverside County Self-Sufficiency Standard**

<b>Total Family Income</b>	<b>Adult</b>	<b>Adult +1 Individual</b>	<b>Adult +2 Individuals</b>	<b>Each Add’l Individual</b>
Monthly Total	\$2,522	\$3,756	\$4,990	\$1,234
Annual Total	\$30,262	\$45,074	\$59,875	\$14,810
Hourly Self-Sufficient Wage	\$14.55	\$21.67	\$28.79	\$7.12

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  Date: Approval: Yes/No	BOARD OF SUPERVISORS CONCURRENCE  Required: Yes/No
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