DEPARTMENT: Administration

RECOMMENDED ACTION AND JUSTIFICATION: Receive and ratify letter to elected officials regarding FEMA disaster declaration.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS: At the October 28 your board directed that a letter be sent to our elected federal officials regarding efforts to appeal the FEMA disaster declaration. The attached letter was sent under Chairman Turpin's signature.

ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

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List Attachments, number pages consecutively
Letters to Sen. Boxer, Sen. Feinstein, and Congressman Radanovich

CLERK'S USE ONLY:
Res. No. Ord. No. ______
Vote – Ayes: ______ Noes: ______
Absent: ______
Approved
( | Minute Order Attached ( | No Action Necessary

The foregoing instrument is a correct copy of the original on file in this office.
Date: ______
Attest: MARGIE WILLIAMS, Clerk of the Board
County of Mariposa, State of California
By: ______________________________________
Deputy

COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER: Requested Action Recommended
No Opinion
Comments:
__________________________________________
__________________________________________
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CAO: _____________________________________

Revised Dec. 2002
November 3, 2008

Senator Dianne Feinstein
2500 Tulare Street, Suite 4290
Fresno, CA 93721

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Sincerely,

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