TO: RICK BENSON, CAO
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FROM: MARGIE WILLIAMS, Clerk of the Board

SUBJECT: Discussion and Possible Further Action Regarding Continuation of the Local Emergency Due to Landslides on Highway 140 Enroute to Yosemite National Park

RESOLUTION 06-561

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MARIPOSA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

ADOPTED THIS Order on December 5, 2006

ACTION AND VOTE:

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BOARD ACTION: Chairman Stetson advised of his conversation on Monday with Dinah Bortner and Grace Macayo of CalTrans relative to the long-term fix for the slide area. The idea of adjusting the approaches to the temporary bridges will be assigned to the long-term solution committee.

Input from the public was provided by the following:

Kenneth Gosting, TIE, proposed that the emergency declaration be expanded to cover the El Portal Road reconstruction project area due to the potential for failure of the road and the resulting disaster. He also suggested that the Board obtain a copy of a letter dated November 9th signed by Assistant Superintendent Cann for Superintendent Tollefson concerning this matter.

Discussion was held relative to the El Portal Road reconstruction project as a result of the 1997 flood damage. Supervisor Pickard suggested that contact be made with Congressman Radanovich and the National Park Service relative to allow emergency work on this section of the road.

(M)Pickard, (S)Bibby, Res. 06-561 was adopted finding the local emergency due to the landslides on Highway 140 enroute to Yosemite National Park continues to exist, and continuing the local emergency based on the findings/Ayes: Unanimous. Supervisor Pickard advised that he could work with the Chairman and Congressman Radanovich and the Superintendent’s Office to see what can be done to expedite the El Portal Road (Pohono Bridge – Big Oak Flat) reconstruction project, and place the matter on the December 12th agenda – the Board concurred. Leroy Radanovich, Interim Tourism Coordinator, provided input on the meeting he and Supervisor Stetson attended on Friday relative to the El Portal Road reconstruction project and the need to recognize that this is a serious situation.

Cc: Dana Hertfelder, Public Works Director
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