DEPARTMENT: Administration

RECOMMENDED ACTION AND JUSTIFICATION:
Approve a grant agreement with the Yosemite Sequoia Resource Conservation & Development Council in the amounts of $12,000 for Title III funding from the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000 (HR 2389); Authorize the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors to sign the grant agreement. The Yosemite Sequoia Resource Conservation & Development Council in coordination with the Mariposa County Resource Conservation District and the Mariposa County Fire Safe Council will use the grant money to develop a booklet similar to the “Welcome to the Foothill” booklet for Eastern Madera County. The booklet will be available to local real estate offices, the County’s Development Services departments, our Visitors’ Centers, and resource conservation and agricultural offices. The agreements will provide funding from July 1, 2006, through June 30, 2007.

Yosemite Sequoia Resource Conservation & Development Council’s proposal meets the criteria to receive Title III funds because the money will be used for fire prevention and efforts to educate homeowners on the consequences of wildfire and being good stewards of our forest lands. A description of the proposal was published in the publication of record on July 5, 2006, and August 2, 2006, and no public comment had been received when this board item was prepared.

The Forest Reserve Fund (#345) has an unencumbered balance of $314,793 available for allowable Title III projects. These projects include: (1) Search and rescue and other emergency services performed on Federal lands and paid for by the County; (2) Community service work camps (inmate community service on Federal lands); (3) Easement purchases; (4) Forest related educational opportunities; (5) Fire prevention and county planning; (5) Community forestry.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:
The Board adopted Res. 06-301 tentatively approving the use of Title III funding for Yosemite Sequoia Resource Conservation & Development Council’s proposal pending the completion of the 45-day comment period.

Other Board approved Title III projects include: planning phase of the construction of the Jordan Creek Bridge ($20,988); County-wide chipping education/demonstration project ($80,000); Southwest Interface Project (SWIFT) ($29,988); Mariposa County Fire Safe Council ($46,764); Continued funding for SWIFT ($28,800); Continued funding for Mariposa County Fire Safe Council ($46,567); Fuel reduction program utilizing the California Department of Corrections crews ($8,000); Continued funding of the Mariposa County Fire Safe Council ($26,750).

ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:
Do not approve the use of Title III funds for the Yosemite Sequoia Resource Conservation & Development Council’s project. The Council will need to solicit funding from other sources to fund their project.

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Financial Impact? (x) Yes () No  Current FY Cost: $12,000
Budgeted In Current FY? (x) Yes () No () Partially Funded
Amount in Budget: $314,793
Additional Funding Needed: $0
Source:
Internal Transfer
Unanticipated Revenue _____ 4/5's vote
Transfer Between Funds _____ 4/5's vote
Contingency _____ 4/5's vote
( ) General ( ) Other

CLERK'S USE ONLY:
Res. No.: #243  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:

CAO: [Signature]