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MARIPOSA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

MINUTE ORDER

TO: MIKE COFFIELD, Interim Personnel/Risk Manager
THOMAS P. GUARINO, County Counsel

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 06-416

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MARIPOSA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

ADOPTED THIS Order on September 5, 2006

ACTION AND VOTE:

Discussion and Possible Further Action Regarding Continuation of the Local Emergency Due to Landslides on Highway 140 Enroute to Yosemite National Park (County Counsel/Interim County Administrative Officer)

BOARD ACTION: Chairman Stetson advised that he is very grateful that the Highway is open.

Input from the public was provided by the following:

Dick Hutcheson advised that the video presentation given by the Forestry at the County Fair relative to the slide activity needed to have the ending message updated to reflect the opening of the Highway.

Supervisor Bibby noted that Channel 30 covered the opening of the Highway; however, there is still a 28-foot limit on the length of a vehicle that can cross the bridges. Supervisor Pickard commented on the need to proceed with a permanent solution; and he asked that CalTrans and the Forest Service give presentations to the Board and the public on the status and progress of what they see as a permanent solution. With winter coming, the rain may create another problem. It was noted that the Highway is open 24-hours a day now. Chairman Stetson advised of his discussions with Kome Ajise/CalTrans District Director; the Park Service; and with YARTS at a meeting on Thursday relative to consideration of a long-term solution, and he advised that CalTrans is assembling a team to work on this. He also advised that representatives of CalTrans will be at the next Board meeting, and he will contact the Forest Service. He noted that CalTrans has identified three possible solutions for the long-term, a tunnel, a rock ledge, and permanent bridges to route traffic to the other side of the River, and they hope to have a conclusion of which solution to pursue by the end of September. Supervisor Pickard asked that Chris Valdez, staff representative for Congressman Radanovich, be kept informed of the status, as well as Assemblyman Cogdill and Senator Poolechigan. Discussion was held. Supervisor Turpin asked about the status of the appeal of the denial of Federal disaster declaration, and he asked that Congressman Radanovich’s office be kept informed. (M)Turpin, (S)Pickard, Res. 06-416 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.

Cc: Dana Hertfelder, Public Works Director
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