TO: MIKE COFFIELD, Interim County Administrative Officer  
TOM 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 06-245

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MARIPosa COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

ADOPTED THIS Order on June 20, 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: Dave Martin, District Ranger for the Sierra National Forest, provided a status report on the Ferguson slide. He advised that their Type 2 team that was set up to handle the emergency response system has completed the response plan and they transitioned out on Sunday and moved the responsibility for the landslide to the Forest Service. Denise Tolmie, USFS, is the current Type 3 Incident Commander. The Forest Service will continue to have 24-hour watch on the slide for the next month or so with people and radios, and they are planning to transition to an automated system. Long-term transitioning will be to CalTrans. He advised that in his discussions with Dinah Bortner/CalTrans, they may have a temporary fix by the end of summer if the rocks stop falling. He introduced Pam Bierce, USFS Incident Information Officer. Discussion was held relative to projected timeframes to regain access in the canyon. Supervisor Stetson advised that CalTrans has hired a construction firm to install two bridges for controlled, one-lane traffic that would accept a 40-foot bus. Supervisor Pickard asked about the possibility of using cranes to remove the debris, and Dave Martin advised that all options are being reviewed by the Army Corps of Engineers. Dave Martin also advised that Mike Hendrickson is the CalTrans lead person for this project. Supervisor Bibby asked about funding issues and was advised that CalTrans is pursuing all avenues. It was clarified that campgrounds are open and that rafting is on-going.

Input from the public was provided by the following:
Donald Weston suggested the use of large cranes for clearing the debris.
Chris Valdez, representing Congressman Radanovich, provided information on their efforts to obtain a Presidential declaration for the disaster for infrastructure and for economic recovery for the businesses, and relative to the Small Business Administration services. He noted that the Presidential
declaration for the other counties in the State did not include economic recovery for the businesses, and was for infrastructure only.

(M) Pickard, (S) Turpin, Res. 06-245 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, including economic and socio-economic impacts/Ayes: Unanimous.

Cc: File