RECOMMENDED ACTION AND JUSTIFICATION:
Ratify the signature of the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors to a letter supporting AB 1634 (McCarthey). AB 1634 seeks funding to reimburse counties for their cost of the special election in November 2005. The cost to Mariposa County for this expense was $82,192. The bill is scheduled to be heard in the Assembly Appropriations Committee on either Monday June 19 or June 26, 2006. The request to write a letter of support was not received until Wednesday, June 14, 2006, allowing for insufficient time to obtain the approval of the Board prior to having the Chairman sign the letter.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:
The Board has routinely authorized the Chairman to sign letters supporting legislation that will ultimately benefit the citizens of Mariposa County.

ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

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CLERK'S USE ONLY:
Res. No.: 202120703278 | 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: ______

Revised Dec. 2002
June 14, 2006

The Honorable Kevin Murray  
Chair, Senate Appropriations Committee  
Room 5050, State Capitol  
Sacramento, California 95814

RE: AB 1634 (McCarthy) – Special Election Costs – SUPPORT

Dear Senator Murray:

Mariposa County urges you to support AB 1634 (McCarthy), which would fully reimburse counties for the costs they incurred administering the November 2005 Special Election.

The Governor’s January Budget proposed a $54 million allocation in the current fiscal year (2005-06) for both state and county special election costs. However, the Legislature approved SB 306 (Ackerman) which appropriated $9 million to the Secretary of State for state only costs associated with the November election. The $38.8 million in AB 1634 is intended to reimburse each county for their costs in running the special election. The total figure was ascertained by surveying each county about its actual costs for conducting the election.

In Mariposa County, the special election cost our general fund $82,192. Our county, like all of California’s counties and the Secretary of State, had budgeted for one statewide election in the 2005-06 fiscal year but have had to conduct two. The result is that our county has had to backfill our elections division at the expense of other local programs and services. Therefore, we respectfully request that you approve AB 1634 to reimburse counties for the costs they incurred in running the November election. Your consideration of our position is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

LEE STETSON  
Chairman

cc: Assemblyman Kevin McCarthy  
Cynthia Bryant, Office of the Governor  
Senate President Pro Tempore Don Perata  
Senator Dick Ackerman  
Maureen Ortiz, Consultant, Senate Appropriations Committee  
Members, Senate Appropriations Committee  
Karen Keene, Legislative Representative, CSAC  
Wes Lujan, Advocacy