RECOMMENDED ACTION AND JUSTIFICATION:
Adopt a Resolution approving the Fiscal Year 2005-2006 Adjusted Budget as Mariposa County’s operating budget until adoption of the Fiscal Year 2006-2007 Final Budget in September 2006. The County Budget Act (Government Code Section 29000 et seq.) grants authority to the Board of Supervisors to adopt by Resolution a budget procedure that allows the prior year budget to “roll over” into the beginning of the new fiscal year rather than preparing an entirely new Proposed Budget for use between July 1st and the adoption of the Final Budget. During this interim period, departments may not purchase fixed assets, add new positions, begin new capital improvement projects, or initiate substantial program changes that will require new/additional funding without specific Board of Supervisors approval.

The Fiscal Year 2006-2007 Proposed Budget will be presented to the Board no later than September 8, 2006. Final Budget Hearings for the Fiscal Year 2006-2007 will begin no later than September 18, 2006.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:
The Board adopted Resolution 02-224 on June 18, 2002, approving the “roll over” of the Adjusted Budget as the operating budget until the adoption of the Final Budget.

ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:
The recommended procedure of “rolling over” the Fiscal Year 2005-2006 Adjusted Budget is the only option available for an operating budget at this time. In future years, with earlier notice, the Board could direct that a Proposed Budget be prepared.