RESOLUTION - ACTION REQUESTED 2014-52

MEETING: February 11, 2014

TO: The Board of Supervisors

FROM: Rick Benson, County Administrative Officer

RE: Fish and Game Funding Request - Friends of Bear Creek Midpines

RECOMMENDATION AND JUSTIFICATION:
Approve a Grant Agreement to use Fish & Game Funding to Finance the "Explore Nature Along Bear Creek Through a Lens and Pen" Event in the Amount of $3,335, Sponsored by the Friends of Bear Creek Midpines a Subcommittee of the Upper Merced River Watershed Council; and Authorize the Board of Supervisors Chair to Sign the Grant Agreement. The Friends of Bear Creek Midpines propose to host an event for up to 35 youth between the ages of 10 and 18 years of age at the Midpines County Park on June 28, 2014, in celebration of the 150th anniversary of Yosemite Grant Act. The event will bring attention to the Bear Creek Trail Project, and will offer 4 hours of photography and writing workshops next to the creek.

Specifically, the funding will be used for signage, instructors, and the purchase of iPods. The Friends of Bear Creek Midpines plan on making this an annual event and will be utilizing instructors through the Mariposa County Arts Council. At the completion of the event the 6 purchased iPods will be left in the possession of the Arts Council for use at the next annual event.

The County’s Fish & Game budget receives revenue from fines relating to violations of the California Fish & Game Code and any other law relating to the protection and preservation of birds, mammals, fish, reptiles, or amphibians. Section 13103 of the California Fish & Game Code (attached) lists approved expenses, and education regarding wildlife is an approved expenditure.

Currently there is a little over $25,000 available in the Fish & Game budget, which is sufficient for this funding request.

Attached is the completed Mariposa County Fish & Game funding request form.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:
The Board adopted Resolution 10-220 on May 11, 2010, approving a Hunter Education and Beginning Shooting Classes in the amount of $6,450.
The Board adopted Resolution 08-243 on June 10, 2008, approving the purchase of a robotic wild turkey decoy in the amount of $1,700 by the Department of Fish & Game.

The Board adopted Resolution 08-210 on May 27, 2008, approving financing the Mariposa Fish & Game Youth Outdoor Hunting Program in the amount of $650.

**ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:**
Do not approve the Grant Agreement. The Friends of Bear Creek Midpines will need to identify funding from another source.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:**
There is a cash balance of $25,000 in the Fish and Game budget which is sufficient to fund this request.

**ATTACHMENTS:**
- Grant Agreement - Friends of Bear Creek    (PDF)
- Friends of Bear Creek Funding Request    (PDF)
- Fish & Game Code Section 13100-13104    (PDF)

**CAO RECOMMENDATION**
Requested Action Recommended

\[Signature\]
Rick Benson, County Administrative Officer

**RESULT:** ADOPTED BY CONSENT VOTE [UNANIMOUS]

**MOVER:** Lee Stetson, District I Supervisor

**SECONDER:** John Carrier, District V Supervisor

**AYES:** Stetson, Jones, Bibby, Cann, Carrier