- Kenneth Gosting, Executive Director of Transportation Involves Everyone (TIE), provided information and samples on natural pavement as an alternative to traditional asphalt. He also stated that parkways traditionally increase local land values and decrease crime levels. He urged the Board to consider making the parkway twelve-feet wide for emergency vehicle access.

- Scott Fornaciari stated that he favors alternative 2 and supports the use of natural pavement. He believes that even if tourists don’t use the parkway that the residents can use it to safely navigate the town area. He asked the Board to consider additional dollars for the Parkway to eradicate weeds, provide care and maintenance to the native plants, and to keep the streambed clean and running.

There were no additional public comments. Further Board discussion followed on the width of the Parkway and the impact to property owners near the Joe Howard Bridge. (M) Fritz, (S) Bibby, Res. No. 05-487 was adopted approving submitting the California River Parkway grant application to the State of California Resources Agency for Construction of the Mariposa Creek Parkway Trail, Phase III with alternative 2 as the recommended route; directing staff to continue negotiations with the property owner to acquire easement to continue the Parkway to intersect with Joe Howard in order to improve circulation; include the maintenance of the Parkway as an in-kind county match; make the pathway ten-feet wide with two-feet shoulders on either side; construct the boardwalk to be twelve-feet wide and strong enough to support emergency vehicles/Ayes: Unanimous. Following the vote Supervisor Bibby thanked staff for their hard work and for holding the informational meetings and accommodating the public.


10:43 A.M. Cheryl Rutherford-Kelly, Human Services Director;
Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Supporting a Change in Concept in Substance Abuse Prevention, Intervention and Treatment for School Aged Children; Authorize the Human Services Department to Proceed with the Implementation of a Continuum of Care in Conjunction with the Local Schools
BOARD ACTION: Cheryl Rutherford-Kelly introduced the item, explained the requested action and introduced Paul Jacobs with the Superintendent of School’s office. Board discussion followed with Cheryl and Paul responding to questions regarding the results of the California Healthy Kids survey, confidentiality of group counseling, current practices at the schools for monitoring and discovering substance abuse, the referral process for drug treatment/counseling, training of school drug officers, and the success of programs modeled after Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) group meetings. There was no public comment. (M) Stetson, (S) Bibby, Res. No. 05-488 was adopted supporting the change in concept in substance abuse prevention, intervention and treatment for school aged children; authorizing the Human Services Department to proceed with the implementation of a continuum of care in conjunction with the local schools. Supervisor Bibby requested the motion be amended to direct the Human Services Director to provide an update to the Board of Supervisors and the School District Board in six months on how the program is progressing. Motion was amended agreeable with the maker/Ayes: Unanimous.

Discussion and Possible Further Action Regarding the Local Emergency Due to the Flooding that Occurred throughout the County (County Counsel)
BOARD ACTION: Tom Guarino, County Counsel advised of the need to continue the local emergency due to flooding. (M) Stetson, (S) Bibby, Res. No. 05-489 was adopted continuing the local emergency due to the flooding that occurred throughout the County. Under Board discussion Supervisor Turpin stated that he would like to see an inventory from Public Works on the damage that the County sustained as a result of the flooding besides the damage reported on Hornitos, Old Toll, Merced Falls, and Bear Valley Roads. Chairman Pickard gave direction for the County Administrative Officer to provide an update to the Board on pending projects as a result of the flooding.

11:34 A.M. CLOSED SESSION: Conference with County Labor Negotiator; Name of Employee Organization: Deputy Sheriff’s Association (DSA) and Mariposa County Managerial and Confidential Organization (MCMCO); Name of County Designated Representative: Rich Inman (County Administrative Officer)
BOARD ACTION: Chairman Pickard requested there be two motions to reflect both employee organizations. Supervisor Bibby clarified that she will be excusing herself from the DSA negotiations because even though she has received a response back from the FPPC, she does not agree with the response. She stated that it is common knowledge she has a family member connected with the Deputy