CLOSED SESSION: Conference with Legal Counsel Relative to Anticipated Litigation/Significant Exposure to Litigation for a Case Pursuant to Subdivision (b) of Government Code Section 54956.9 (Continued from 7-19-05) (County Counsel)

**BOARD ACTION:** (M)Stetson, (S)Fritz, the closed session were held/Ayes: Unanimous.

3:48 p.m. Chairman Pickard announced that direction was given to staff as a result of the closed sessions.

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 that he spoke with Dana Hertfelder, Public Works Director and the recommendation is to continue the matter to 8-2-05. (M)Stetson, (S)Bibby, Resolution 05-368 was adopted continuing the local emergency due to the flooding that occurred/Ayes: Unanimous.

Discussion, Direction, and Action Relative to Courthouse Transfer Issues and Letter to Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) Regarding the Historic County Courthouse (Chairman Pickard and Supervisor Bibby)

**BOARD ACTION:** Chairman Pickard introduced the item and advised that an invitation was extended to meet with an architect to design a new courthouse. He said that prior negotiations were held relative to the purchase of the property and that the Director of Finance was uncomfortable with Mariposa County being bumped from the list.

Supervisor Bibby stated that she was concerned that items don’t leave the courthouse after the new building is built and at the advice of Tom Guarino, County Counsel, the phrase “as part of the historic courthouse” be added on page 6. She also recommended that the letter be copied to the District Attorney, as his office has a meeting room inside the courthouse. She complimented County Counsel for putting in the timeline and documenting the sections.

County Counsel advised that he has received correspondence targeting October 1, 2005, as the date to finalize the agreement. He stated that he reviewed previous discussions with the AOC and the County was told things were not negotiable and he has been unable to find anything in the statutes to counter.

Supervisor Fritz requested that the Mariposa Gazette let readers know that Mariposa is in danger of losing its courthouse. She stated that the courthouse is tied to the community and will announce this matter at the Chamber of Commerce function this evening. (M)Bibby, (S)Turpin, Resolution 05-369 was adopted approving the letter with the changes as discussed/Ayes: Unanimous.

Discussion and Direction Relative to Providing Recognition for the First Mariposa Residents to Complete the 25-Mile and 50-Mile “2005 Mariposa Run for the Gold” Endurance Rides (Chairman Pickard)

**BOARD ACTION:** Chairman Pickard introduced the item and stated that he prefers the standing tradition of presenting a tile plaque. (M)Bibby, (S)Stetson, approving two tile plaques annually to the first Mariposans to finish the 25 mile and 50 mile Run for the Gold/Ayes: Unanimous.

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**CONSENT AGENDA:**

**CA-1**

Action to Continue Emergency Findings for the Interim Operation of the Mariposa County Landfill by County Staff is Necessary to Continue an Essential Public Service Until the Bidding Process is Completed (Public Works Director); Res. 05-352

**CA-2**

Approve the Fifth Amendment to the Existing Contract for Services with Concept Designs Company for Ongoing Consulting Services to the Solid Waste & Recycling Division for the Mixed Solid Waste Composting Facility, Extending the Term of the Contract to June 30, 2006 (Public Works Director); Res. 05-364