RECOMMENDED ACTION AND JUSTIFICATION:

Discussion, direction, and possible action for County Counsel to provide legal services on behalf of Mariposa County to the Mariposa Safe Families, Inc.

The purpose of Mariposa Safe Families, Inc. is to support child abuse prevention efforts. County Counsel may decline such services depending on work load or when in Counsel’s opinion such services to this entity could cause a conflict of interest.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:

This Agency has recently requested that County Counsel provide legal services. It is Counsel’s understanding that with the Board’s approval County Counsel has historically provided legal services to these types of organizations and to Mariposa Safe Families; however no record of formal approval has been located.

ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

Financial Impact? ( ) Yes (x) No  Current FY Cost: $
Budgeted In Current FY? ( ) Yes ( ) No ( ) Partially Funded
Amount in Budget: $
Additional Funding Needed: $
Source:
Internal Transfer
Unanticipated Revenue ( ) 4/5’s vote
Transfer Between Funds ( ) 4/5’s vote
Contingency ( ) 4/5’s vote
( ) General ( ) Other

CLERK’S USE ONLY:
Res. No.: 202-278 Ord. No.  
Vote – Ayes. 4 _ 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
TO: TOM GUARINO, County Counsel

FROM: MARGIE WILLIAMS, Clerk of the Board

SUBJECT: APPROVAL FOR COUNTY COUNSEL TO PROVIDE LEGAL SERVICES TO MARIPOSA SAFE FAMILIES, INC.

Resolution No. 05-278

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MARIPOSA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

ADOPTED THIS Order on June 21, 2005

ACTION AND VOTE:

11:39 a.m. Tom Guarino, County Counsel;
Discussion, Direction, and Possible Action for County Counsel to Provide Legal Services on Behalf of Mariposa County to the Mariposa Safe Families, Inc.

BOARD ACTION: Discussion was held with Tom Guarino relative to the request, and he advised that the action should include a finding that this is intended to be a public benefit to support child safety. Discussion was held relative to the impact on workload, whether there would be reimbursement for the services, and whether there should be a formal agreement.

Cathy Collier, Mariposa Safe Families, Inc., Executive Director, provided input relative to their request, and the anticipated limited use of the services.

Rich Inman, County Administrative Officer, suggested that the motion include authorization for the legal services to be provided as determined appropriate by County Counsel. Supervisor Fritz commented on seeking County Counsel’s advice on having memorandum of understandings with different departments/entities. (M)Stetson, (S)Fritz, Res. 05-278 was adopted allowing County Counsel to provide legal services, at his discretion, to Mariposa Safe Families, Inc., and with the finding that this is a public benefit to support child safety. Further discussion was held relative to the request and limiting consideration of providing services to entities that the Board has created. Tom Guarino suggested that he could review this issue with the Bar Association. Ayes: Stetson, Turpin, Fritz, Pickard; Noes: Bibby.

cc: Mariposa Safe Families, Inc.
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