RECOMMENDED ACTION AND JUSTIFICATION:

PUBLIC HEARING: Conduct a Community Participation Public Hearing to develop and submit a possible Planning and Technical Assistance Grant (PTA) Application to the State Community Development Block Grant Program for the purpose of retaining a consultant to develop an Economic Development Strategy for Mariposa County.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:

The General Plan of Mariposa County contains an economic development component for the purpose of creating a sustainable community. In order to establish and foster ongoing economic viability, an Economic Development Strategy needs to be created and implemented by the County.

The purpose of this Public Hearing is to discuss a proposed project design for an economic development strategy that will include the dissemination of information about opportunities for federal funding, as well as obtain input from the community on PTA activities for funding.

The proposed project will require a Resolution requesting a cash match as a transfer from contingencies, which will be included in the PTA application package. The required cash match is nine percent (9%) of the total project cost of $35,000 or $3,150. If we are awarded the grant, the appropriate budget forms will be returned for Board approval. However, if we are unsuccessful the match will not be needed.

Another requirement of the program is to conduct a subsequent community participation meeting, also known as the Application Submittal Phase, to disseminate and receive information about the PTA Grant related to project activities being proposed as well as the project budget. The next community meeting will be conducted in the evening.

Grant Criteria:
PTA funds are divided into two separate allocations: the General Allocation and the Economic Development (ED) Allocation. A total of $70,000 per applicant per fiscal year is acceptable. However, of the $70,000, up to $35,000 is allowed for the General and up to $35,000 is allowed for ED. No more than two grants per year for each $35,000 allotment are permitted.

A notice has been published in the Mariposa Gazette for the April 5, 2005 public hearing.

ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

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

Annual Recurring Cost: $  
List Attachments, number pages consecutively  
Public Hearing Notice Exhibit "A" page 1  

CLERK'S USE ONLY:  
Res. No.: [513]  
Ord. No.  
Vote – Ayes:  
Noes:  
Absent:  
Approved  
( ) Minute Order Attached  ( ) No Action Necessary

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The foregoing instrument is a correct copy of the original on file in this office.

Attest: MARGIE WILLIAMS, Clerk of the Board
County of Mariposa, State of California

By: ________________________________

Deputy

CAO: ____________________________
THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MARIPOSA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

ADOPTED THIS Order on April 5, 2005

ACTION AND VOTE:

11:05 a.m. Rich Inman, County Administrative Officer;
PUBLIC HEARING Relative to the Development and Submission of a Planning and Technical Assistance Grant (PTA) Application to the State Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program for the Purpose of Retaining a Consultant to Develop an Economic Development Strategy for Mariposa County
BOARD ACTION: Rich Inman advised of the CDBG program and the possible elimination of this funding in the future. Marilyn Lidoff, Administration/Business Development Coordinator, presented the staff report. She explained that the purpose of the public hearing is to receive public input from the Board and citizens on a possible grant application to be submitted for the purpose of retaining a consultant to develop an economic development strategy for the County. She gave an overview of the funding source and distribution for the grant program; a review of the grant she would like to apply for; and she reviewed the process. Staff responded to questions from the Board relative to the timeframes for processing the grant application and the availability of grant funds for the next fiscal year; whether the grant and County match would be sufficient for a consultant to assemble a development strategy plan; as to why application is not being made for grant funds for the other components that were mentioned, such as the low income housing and GIS, etc.; whether there are obligations as a follow-up to this study; relative to review of a previous study; and relative to clarification of the County’s match and the cost of the program.

The public portion of the hearing was opened and input was provided by the following:
Dick Hutchinson stated he feels this application is a stepping stone to future grants that will be of great assistance to the merchants and businesses in the County. He feels that building a portfolio of grants and what has been accomplished will assist with getting future grants. He supports this application.

The public portion of the hearing was closed and the Board commenced with deliberations. Discussion was held. Supervisor Pickard referred to a previous report that recommended that the Board adopt a strategy, and he noted that the General Plan contains an Economic Development Element, and hopefully a subsequent strategy. Rich Inman noted that this is a countywide plan. Supervisor Bibby expressed concern with the number of pending projects in the County and the
long-term commitment with this project. Staff responded to questions from the Board relative to the funding source for the County match. Supervisor Turpin asked what it would take to keep this updated. Chairman Pickard suggested that the County Administrative Officer send a letter to support retaining the CDBG program. (M)Fritz, (S)Stetson, Res. 05-131 was adopted approving the submission of the grant application/Ayes: Stetson, Turpin, Fritz, Pickard; Noes: Bibby. The hearing was closed.

cc: Marilyn Lidyoff, Business Development Coordinator
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