10:00 a.m. Lyle Turpin, Supervisor District II; Presentation by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) on the Planning Process of the Resource Management Plan

**BOARD ACTION:** Deane Swickard/BLM Area Manager, gave an overview of BLM activities in the County, and along the Merced River, and he advised of issues that they are working on. He thanked the Sheriff and deputies for their assistance, especially along the Merced River, and he thanked the Fire Department for assistance that they provide. Rick Cooper, BLM Planner, provided information on the Land Use Resource Management Plan process. It was noted that fire and fuel reduction is generally the number one issue in every area, and that California does not receive enough Federal funding for this. Discussion was held. Deane noted that for Mariposa County, the issue of the study of the North Fork of the Merced River for inclusion in the wild and scenic designation is of the most interest. Rick noted that, due to the growth occurring in the foothills, that they are receiving a lot of comments about access issues. Supervisor Stetson asked about the transfer of the scattered lands held by BLM. Deane provided input relative to their efforts to trade small isolated parcels for lands that are adjacent to public lands or river corridors. It was also noted that the comment period on the Plan ends on April 15th. Supervisor Turpin referred to the thistle taking over the Bower Cave area, and he noted that we need to watch that we are not getting into more management because of neglect. Chairman Pickard called for input from the public, and none was received. Supervisor Stetson commented on the work in the Merced River corridor.

Nancy McConnell, Upper Merced River Watershed, provided input on their work with BLM to control the yellow star thistle.

Deane advised that if there is BLM land in the County that is needed for County use, it should be identified as a part of this process. Supervisor Bibby noted the interest in the property behind the Catheys Valley Park, and Deane advised that he will review the status of this.

**Discussion and Possible Action to Cancel the Board’s Regularly Scheduled Meeting for April 12, 2005 (Clerk of the Board)**

**BOARD ACTION:** Following discussion, (M)Fritz, (S)Turpin, Res. 05-91 was adopted canceling the April 12th meeting/Ayes: Unanimous.

Waive Second Reading and Adopt an Ordinance Amending Section 16.36.030 of Chapter 16.36 entitled, “Indemnification Agreements” to the Mariposa County Code (County Counsel)

**BOARD ACTION:** (M)Bibby, (S)Stetson, second reading was waived and Ordinance No. 1017 was adopted. The Clerk of the Board read the title of Ordinance No. 1017 into the record. Discussion was held. Ayes: Stetson, Bibby, Fritz; Noes: Turpin, Pickard.

**CLOSED SESSION:** Conference with County Labor Negotiator; Name of Employee Organization: SEIU Local 250, Health Care Workers Union; Name of County Designated Representative: Jeff Green (County Administrative Officer); and

**CLOSED SESSION:** Conference with County Labor Negotiator; Name of Employee Organization: SEIU Local 535; Name of County Designated Representative: Rich Inman (County Administrative Officer)

**BOARD ACTION:** Rich Inman, County Administrative Officer, advised that these closed sessions were not necessary.

**CLOSED SESSION:** Conference with Legal Counsel Relative to Anticipated Litigation/Initiating of Litigation for a Case Pursuant to Subdivision (c) of Government Code Section 54956.9 (Continued from 3-8-05) (County Counsel)

**BOARD ACTION:** Tom Guarino, County Counsel, requested that this matter be continued to March 22, 2005.

11:15 a.m. CLOSED SESSION: Conference with Legal Counsel Relative to Anticipated Litigation/Initiating of Litigation for a Case Pursuant to Subdivision (c) of Government Code Section 54956.9 (County Counsel); and

**BOARD ACTION:** (M)Stetson, (S)Turpin, the Board approved holding the closed session at 1:30 p.m./Ayes: Unanimous.