RECOMMENDED ACTION AND JUSTIFICATION:

Recommend Resolution authorizing Health Officer to apply for a grant to acquire automatic emergency defibrillators for public buildings in Mariposa County.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:

Through the State Department of Emergency Services, a grant program is available immediately for purchase of automatic emergency defibrillators. These are machines which will defibrillate a person whose heart has gone into the appropriate electronic rhythm. You may have seen in emergency rooms, on television program or in the movies, a doctor or paramedic applying paddles to a chest and “shocking” a patient from a situation where they have no pulse and no respirations to having a heart beat again. That is defibrillation. These machines will do the same, but can be applied by untrained members of the public. The computer chips in the machine will not allow an accidental discharge unless the rhythm is absolutely correct. Many of these machines are now available in airports, shopping malls and other public locations. If the Board so wishes, we could apply for this grant and install machines in public places such as the Senior Citizen Center, the Library, the Board of Supervisors’ chamber, the County swimming pools, and the Fairgrounds.

There is no County match required except perhaps for some training which the Health Department would be happy to administer.

We previously studied the likely occurrence of ventricular fibrillation (the situation where these machines could be useful) in Mariposa and found that that circumstance would be exceedingly rare. It may not occur anymore often than once every seven to ten years. Nevertheless, several vehicles within the County Firefighter/First Responders program carry these machines, and given that there is no downside to the County, there may be some benefit to installing these machines for even such a rare event.

ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

No change from the current situation in the County.
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<th>Current FY Cost: $</th>
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**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.: ______ Ord. No. ______
- Vote – Ayes: ______ 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