DEPARTMENT: Administration

BY: Rich Inman, CAO

PHONE: 966-3222

RECOMMENDED ACTION AND JUSTIFICATION:
Approve the Urban Streams Restoration Program Grant Application (USRP) to the State of California Department of Water Resources for the Mariposa Creek, requesting $129,749 to design, develop and implement a creek restoration plan, pursue wetland delineation mapping, cultural resources survey, abate excessive and invasive vegetation, conduct erosion control and bank stabilization measures, and inventory culvert locations; and

Adopt a Resolution endorsing application for an Urban Streams Restoration Grant and determining appropriate environmental impact document, conditionally accepting grant if offered, and designating contract manager and fiscal agent.

If funded, it is anticipated that the project will commence September 2005 and be completed September 2006. A local match of twenty percent (20%) is the recommended contribution toward the project. The total project cost is $174,459. The financial match of $44,710 is twenty-five percent (25%) of the total project cost, comprised of both a cash contribution and in-kind services. The twenty-five percent (25%) will come from the following:

$ 2,000 cash contribution from the Mariposa Creek Project Fund (#505). The fund has a current available balance of $19,251.

$ 1,500 for office supplies, and printing costs from the Administration and Board of Supervisor’s current budget. Sufficient funds are budgeted;

$ 6,350 In-kind services through County staff support from both the Road, and Parks and Recreation Departments;

$ 500 for plant materials from the Mariposa Creek Project Fund (#505); and

$30,440 for creek clean up and installation of irrigation system. These services will be provided by both community volunteers and by the Department of Corrections as “in-kind” services.

$ 1,000 cash contribution from the EDC.

$ 2,920 for Creek planning and monitoring, web-site design and web-site monitoring. These “in-kind” services will be provided by MERG.

The Mariposa Creek Parkway is consistent with the Mariposa County General Plan, Mariposa Town Planning Area and the draft Mariposa County Parks and Recreation Master Plan.

This grant application is the second of many measures that will be pursued in order to complete the 3.5-mile Mariposa Creek Parkway.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:

The County of Mariposa has received the following grants:
1985 Urban Streams Restoration Grant with DWR
1988 State Park Bond Act
1988 State of California
1997 EEMPT Fund – Tree Planting Project
2004 Environmental Enhancement and Mitigation (EEMP) – pending notice of grant award (May 24, 2005)

The Mariposa Creek Parkway is consistent with the Mariposa County General Plan, Mariposa Town Planning Area and the draft Mariposa County Parks and Recreation Master Plan. The proposed Urban Streams Restoration Grant for the Mariposa Creek is one of many grants that will be pursued in the near future in order to complete the 3.5-mile trail corridor.
ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

Financial Impact? (x) Yes ( ) No   Current FY Cost: $10,350   Annual Recurring 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

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- Cover Letter to State of California Dept. of Water Resources, page 1
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- Property ownership site map - Exhibit "C", pages 25 - 26
- Cross-Section diagram - Exhibit "D", pages 27
- Latitude/longitude location - Exhibit "E", page 28
- California Exotic Pest Plant Council list - Exhibit "F", pages 29 - 35
- Mariposa County flood plain map - Exhibit "G", pages 36
- FEMA map - Exhibit "H", page 37
- Preliminary measures for Restoration Plan - Exhibit "I", pages 38 - 39
- Project budget and timeline - Exhibit "J", page 40
- Project Photographs - Exhibit "K", pages 41 - 46
- Description of plants along Mariposa Creek Parkway Trail - Exhibit "L", pages 47 - 51
- Mariposa Creek Parkway Brochure - Exhibit "M", page 52
- Wildlife sighting - Exhibit "N", pages 53 - 55
- Newspaper articles - Exhibit "O", pages 56 - 58
- Letter of Support: Co-sponsor Exhibit "P", page 59
- Letters of Support - Exhibit "Q", pages 60 - 66

CLERK’S USE ONLY:
Res. No.: 95-18   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: ____________________________
RESOLUTION # 05-18

RESOLUTION ENDORSING APPLICATION FOR AN URBAN STREAMS RESTORATION GRANT AND DETERMINING APPROPRIATE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT DOCUMENT, CONDITIONALLY ACCEPTING GRANT IF OFFERED, AND DESIGNATING CONTRACT MANAGER AND FISCAL AGENT

WHEREAS, the California Department of Water Resources, Division of Planning and Local Assistance, Urban Streams Restoration Program has announced the availability of funds for grants; and

WHEREAS, said grants are intended to help solve flooding and erosion problems in a way that provides environmental enhancement; and

WHEREAS, the Mariposans for the Environment and Responsible Government (hereinafter referred to as “MERM”) has proposed to cosponsor a grant application with the County of Mariposa; and

WHEREAS, we have concluded the project proposed for funding with the grant funds would be environmentally beneficial and will comply with all requirements of CEQA prior to implementation of the project, which may include a Negative or Mitigated Negative Declaration.

WHEREAS, we consider the prospects of receiving a grant to be reasonably likely.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED

We, County of Mariposa, approve the joint application with MERG for an Urban Streams Restoration Program grant, and authorize the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors to sign resolution endorsing application for an Urban Streams Restoration Grant.

If offered such a grant, we authorize the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors to accept the grant and sign any contract for administration of the grant funds, and the County of Mariposa Business Development Coordinator to act as Project Manager for the project. We hereby delegate authority to the Project Manager to manage the Agreement, and to delegate authority to others to provide management and support services required for performance of the work and administration of the Agreement. The delegation of authority to submit invoices requires written consent by both grantees which will be provided to the Department of Water Resources.

PASSED AND ADOPTED, this 18th day of January, 2005 by the Board of Supervisors of Mariposa County by the following vote:

AYES: STETSON, TURPIN, BIBBY, FRITZ, PICKARD
NOES: NONE
ABSENT: NONE
ABSTAINED: NONE

Bob Pickard, Chairman

ATTEST:
Margie Williams, Clerk of the Board
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APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:

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DISTRICT II  
DISTRICT III  
DISTRICT IV  

MARIPOSA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
MINUTE ORDER  

TO: RICH INMAN, County Administrative Officer  
FROM: MARGIE WILLIAMS, Clerk of the Board  
SUBJECT: URBAN STREAMS RESTORATION PROGRAM GRANT APPLICATION REQUESTING $129,749 FOR THE MARIPOSA CREEK PROJECT  

Resolution No. 05-18  

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MARIPOSA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA  
ADOPTED THIS Order on January 18, 2005  

ACTION AND VOTE:  

Approval of Consent Agenda (See End of Minutes)  

BOARD ACTION:  
Supervisor Stetson pulled items 3, 6, 8 and 10. Supervisor Bibby pulled item 1. Supervisor Turpin pulled items 1 and 9. (M)Bibby, (S)Stetson, the balance of the items was approved/Ayes: Unanimous.  

Consent Agenda item 1 – Supervisor Bibby initiated discussion relative to the grant and impacts on staff time. Marilyn Lidyoff/Administration-Business Development Coordinator, provided input relative to the grant and who is responsible for each of the duties. Supervisor Bibby requested that the $500 not come from the Facility Maintenance budget, and she suggested that the Creek Parkway be considered as an optional funding source. Rich Inman, County Administrative Officer, advised that he would be okay with the change in funding sources and that sufficient funds are available. Supervisor Bibby asked about reference to the equestrian and pedestrian trail along Mariposa Creek, and she asked what is referenced in the Creek Parkway Plan. The Board concurred with referencing the trail as the pedestrian parkway. Supervisor Turpin requested that items like this be scheduled for discussion in the future versus on the Consent Agenda; and he expressed concern with the impacts on staff time. He also recommended that a letter be requested from the Natural Resources Conservation Service and the Agricultural Commissioner to be submitted with the grant application. Supervisor Bibby suggested that an invitation be extended to the All-Tribes Council to participate and/or provide in-kind service. (M)Bibby, (S)Turpin, item 1 was approved, with direction for the change in funding of the $500 as discussed, with deletion of reference to equestrian trail, with assurance that there is staff available, and with the additional letters to be obtained as requested/Ayes: Unanimous.  

CA-1  
Adopt a Resolution Approving the Urban Streams Restoration Program Grant Application to the State of California Department of Water Resources, Requesting $129,749 for the Mariposa Creek Project (County Administrative Officer); Res. 05-18, with changes  

cc: File