RESOLUTION - ACTION REQUESTED 2014-198

MEETING: May 6, 2014

TO: The Board of Supervisors

FROM: Peter Rei, Public Works Director

RE: Approve Publication of a Request for Qualifications for Engineering Services for Special Districts

RECOMMENDATION AND JUSTIFICATION:
Approve Publication of a Request for Qualifications for Engineering Services and Rate Determinations for Special Districts in Yosemite West, Coulterville, Don Pedro and Mariposa Pines. In several recent Board hearings there have been ongoing discussions on the need to update the rates which the County charges landowners for water and sewer services in the communities of Yosemite West, Coulterville, Don Pedro and Mariposa Pines. In addition, it has been acknowledged that the fees/assessments that the County charges the residents of Yosemite West need to be updated.

Public Works was instructed to prepare a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) to solicit firms with experience in the preparation of Engineers Reports and Fee Proposals consistent with the requirements of Proposition 218. The attached Draft of an RFQ is intended to comply with that request.

Both Coulterville Wastewater Treatment Plant and Yosemite West Wastewater Treatment Plant have been issued Notices of Violation by the Regional Water Quality Control Board. There are mandated improvements and planning documents that are required as conditions of these Notices which must be completed.

Both Coulterville Water System and Yosemite West Water system have been notified that a secondary water source needs to be identified and constructed to provide a backup source of water should the primary source not continue to be sufficient.

Following the Board’s consideration and/or approval of the RFQ, staff will advertise the RFQ, determine the most qualified consultant, negotiate a contract and return to the Board for approval of that contract. As this is likely to be a very involved and time-consuming process the County will have to be prepared to have the funding available to pay for these services when the contract is brought to the Board for approval. Identification of that funding is not necessary at this time but will need to be determined prior to award of the contract to the most qualified consultant. The Utility Capital Funds for Yosemite West and Coulterville have been exhausted as those funds have been required to pay for ongoing expenses to operate the facilities.
BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:

ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:
None that can be recommended.

ATTACHMENTS:
Request for Qualifications (PDF)

CAO RECOMMENDATION
Requested Action Recommended

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Lee Stetson, District I Supervisor
SECONDER: Merlin Jones, District II Supervisor
AYES: Stetson, Jones, Bibby, Cann, Carrier