RESOLUTION - ACTION REQUESTED 2014-252

MEETING: June 10, 2014

TO: The Board of Supervisors

FROM: Charles Mosher, Health Officer

RE: Authorize Health Officer/Air Pollution Control Officer to Apply for Cal-BRACE Grant

RECOMMENDATION AND JUSTIFICATION:

Authorize Health Officer/Air Pollution Control Officer to Apply for Cal-BRACE (Building Resilience Against Climate Effects) Grant in the amount of $9,400.

The State has reached out to Mariposa County for participation in a planning process focusing on the human Public Health impact of Climate Change. This is called Building Resilience Against Climate Effects (Cal-BRACE). It will require that staff list potential human health impacts of climate change, most of which are already known to this Health Department and will allow the Health Department to coordinate with Planning, Fire, Sheriff, John C. Fremont Hospital, U.C. Merced, and other Health/Public Safety organizations to be certain all involved agencies in the County are "on the same page."

This grant funding will reduce stress on the General Fund for these activities. The Health Department has already developed a leadership role in Public Health Emergency Preparedness. Moreover, Mariposa County is unique in that the Health Department is also the County’s Air Quality Management District. Since Climate Change in California is located under the direction of Air Resources, this is a logical fit.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:

ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:
Mariposa County (and all other Counties) will need to consider Climate Change in future planning activities, so it’s in the best interest of the County to have a plan for the human health impact.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:
No Financial Impact

ATTACHMENTS:
Cal-BRACE Background Information (PDF)
Cal-BRACE 2013-2014 Proposal (PDF)
CAO RECOMMENDATION
Requested Action Recommended

Mary Hodson
Mary Hodson, Deputy CAO       6/4/2014

RESULT:     ADOPTED BY CONSENT VOTE [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:      Merlin Jones, District II Supervisor
SECONDER:   Janet Bibby, District III Supervisor
AYES:       Merlin Jones, Janet Bibby, Kevin Cann, John Carrier
EXCUSED:    Lee Stetson