RESOLUTION - ACTION REQUESTED 2014-656

MEETING: December 16, 2014

TO: The Board of Supervisors

FROM: Chevon Kothari, Human Services Director

RE: 2015 LIHEAP Agreement 15B-3022 for Energy Assistance and Weatherization

RECOMMENDATION AND JUSTIFICATION:
Approve the 2015 Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) Agreement 15B-3022 with the California Department of Community Services and Development (CSD) in an amount not to exceed $500,000 to provide energy assistance payments and weatherization services, and authorize the Human Services Director to sign the agreement and all subsequent Amendments (Subject to County Counsel Approval as to Form.)

The purpose of LIHEAP, under the auspices of the CSD, is to provide energy assistance and weatherization services to low-income county residents. LIHEAP funds have been allocated to Mariposa County for several years and operate on a program term basis.

In program year 2014 so far, this program has assisted 600 low-income households with energy assistance propane, wood, and utility payments and 17 households with weatherization services. A large percentage of these households include vulnerable populations such as seniors, the disabled, children under 5 years, and the working poor.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:

ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:
If this Agreement is not approved, Mariposa will lose the grant funds of $500,000 and the opportunity to provide Energy Assistance payments and Weatherization Services to over 600 Mariposa County households.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:
This program is funded by federal energy assistance grant (LIHEAP) funds. There is no impact to the County General Fund.

ATTACHMENTS:
Mariposa LIHEAP 15B-3022 contract face sheet  (PDF)
Mariposa LIHEAP 15B-3022 contract part 1 & 2  (PDF)
LIHEAP Certification Regarding Lobbying  (DOC)
CAO RECOMMENDATION
Requested Action Recommended

Mary Hodson
Mary Hodson, Interim CAO 12/10/2014

RESULT: ADOPTED BY CONSENT VOTE [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Janet Bibby, District III Supervisor
SECONDER: Lee Stetson, District I Supervisor
AYES: Stetson, Jones, Bibby, Cann, Carrier