RECOMMENDED ACTION AND JUSTIFICATION: (Policy Item: Yes___ No_X_)  

Request Authorization to Issue a Public Notice that that County is Seeking to Acquire a Parcel of Land for the Development of a Regional Recreational Complex; and Under the Direction of the Space Needs Committee, Evaluate Candidate Sites Including Layout Studies and Appraisals in Order to Make a Recommendation for Purchase of a Site to the Board of Supervisors.

Staff has been working with the Space Needs Committee to seek a suitable site for the Regional Recreational Complex. To date, we have identified one site. Please see the February 5, 2002 report prepared by Fred Solomon (Attachment #1). In order to determine if there are any other suitable parcels for this project, the Committee recommends that we issue a public notice stating that the County is seeking to acquire a parcel of land. A suggested draft notice is attached (Attachment #2) and subject to revision and approval by County Counsel.

In addition to the issuance of a public notice, staff is requesting authorization to further evaluate promising sites. This may include a layout plan that would indicate if a candidate site could accommodate the proposed facilities and an appraisal to determine the market price. A layout plan could cost approximately $1,775 and an appraisal would cost approximately $1,050 based on an estimate provided by Mr. Bill Yaley for the identified site. This will allow staff and the Space Needs Committee to proceed in a timely manner.

Recommended criteria for site selection includes:
1. Availability of water. We have determined an estimated amount required.
2. Availability of sewer or septic field.
3. Access to site. This includes proximity to the majority of the County’s residents and traffic circulation.
4. Zoning and environmental concerns.
5. Power supply availability. The proposed facility will require power for a variety of equipment and lighting.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:

The Board appropriated $500,000 for a Regional Recreational Complex during the September 2001 budget hearings and approved a Personal Services Agreement with Fred Solomon to assist with the project development. The Board also approved a pending application for a State grant to augment County funds for construction of the facility.

The Space Needs Committee met on several occasions to discuss and provide direction and suggestions to staff regarding this project. The Public Works Director and Mr. Solomon have also met with the Parks Commission and the Parks Master Plan Steering Committee for input regarding this project.

LIST ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

Negative action would further delay investigation of possible sites for the facility and may negatively impact the above mentioned grant application.
COSTS:  (X) Not Applicable
A. Budgeted current FY $________
B. Total anticipated costs $________
C. Required additional funding $________
D. Internal transfers $________

SOURCE:  (X) 4/5ths Vote Required
A. Unanticipated revenues $________
B. Reserve for contingencies $________
C. Source description: Donation
Balance in Reserve for Contingencies, if approved: $________

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:
List the attachments and number the pages consecutively:

1. February 5, 2002 Report Prepared by Fred Solomon
2. Draft Public Notice

CLERK'S USE ONLY:
Res. No.: 02-57
Vote - Ayes: _______________ Ord. No. _______________
Noes: _______________ Absent: _______________
( ) Approved  ( ) Denied  ( ) 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'S RECOMMENDATION:
This item on agenda as:
( ) Recommended
( ) Not Recommended
( ) For Policy Determination
( ) Submitted with Comment
( ) Returned for Further Action
Comment:

C.A.O. Initials: __________

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MARIPOSA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

MINUTE ORDER

TO:            JIM PETROPULOS, Public Works Director
FROM:          MARGIE WILLIAMS, Clerk of the Board
SUBJECT:       Public Notice Regarding Seeking a Parcel of Land for the Recreational Complex Resolution No. 02-57

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MARIPOSA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA,

ADOPTED THIS Order on February 19, 2002

ACTION AND VOTE:

C) Authorize the Public Works Director to Issue a Public Notice that the County is Seeking to Acquire a Parcel of Land for the Development of a Regional Recreational Complex; and Under the Direction of the Space Needs Committee, Evaluate Candidate Sites Including Layout Studies and Appraisals in Order to Make a Recommendation for Purchase of a Site to the Board of Supervisors

BOARD ACTION: Discussion was held with Jim Petropulos and Fred Solomon relative to this matter. Fred advised of their preliminary review of a parcel offered for sale by the First Baptist Church, near the Hospital; and he advised that this action will solicit other sites for review. He also advised that the Parks and Recreation Commission reviewed this matter and recommended approval. Supervisor Reilly requested that the Board and Commission be kept informed of the status of this project, and she noted that the timelines are important. Supervisor Balmain asked about coordination of this project with the schools; and he commented on the water and electricity requirements, and the terrain of the parcel near the Hospital. Greg Iurrria, County Administrative Officer, advised that he and the Planning Director have another meeting scheduled with the School Superintendent to coordinate a joint meeting between the Boards. (M)Reilly, (S)Pickard, Res. 02-57 was adopted approving the recommendation/Ayes: Unanimous.

cc:            Mary Hodson, Staff Analyst
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