MARIPOSA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

MINUTE ORDER

TO: SUPERVISOR PICKARD

FROM: MARGIE WILLIAMS, Clerk of the Board

SUBJECT: Letter of Support AB1400
           Resolution No. 02-295

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MARIPOSA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA,

ADOPTED THIS Order on July 23, 2002

ACTION AND VOTE:

Authorize the Chair to Sign a Letter of Support for AB1400, Authored by Assemblyman Dave Cogdill Regarding Co-Composting Funding (Supervisor Pickard)

BOARD ACTION: Following discussion, (M)Pickard, (S)Balmain, Res. 02-295 was adopted approving a letter, to be signed by the Chairman, in support of AB1400 to be sent to the Senate Appropriation Committee’s Chair/Ayes: Reilly, Balmain, Stewart, Pickard; Excused: Parker.

cc: File
July 29, 2002

The Honorable Deirdre Alpert
Chairwoman Senate Appropriations
California State Senate
State Capitol, Room 5050
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Support AB 1400 (Cogdill)

Dear Senator Alpert:

As sponsors of AB 1400, Mariposa County is writing to you in support of this legislation. Mariposa County in partnership with Yosemite National Park believes we have found a composting technology that will help us meet or exceed the state requirement of 50% diversion from the landfill. This composting technology will be the first of its kind built in California. AB 1400 sought State funding as a stakeholder along with the federal government who has provided funding for this project, however, Mariposa County fully recognizes the financial situation of the State. Still, AB 1400 as amended may offer other avenues for the State to become a stakeholder in this technology.

Mariposa County is a small rural county that is sparsely populated with nearly 3 million visitors a year who make their way to Yosemite National Park. Due to these characteristics our county has had a very difficult time locating and embracing an existing solid waste technology that will allow compliance of AB 939. Enclosed is an analysis that we prepared for AB 1400 and in it you will see how we arrived at the conclusion that this proposed composting technology is the most overall and viable solution to achieve the 50% diversion requirement.

Again, on behalf of the Mariposa County Board of Supervisors I ask for your support of this important legislation. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact Supervisor Bob Pickard or myself at 209-966-3222.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

Robert C. Stewart
Chairman

Enclosure

cc:   Senator Charles Poochigian
      Assembly Member Dave Cogdill
      Mariposa County Board of Supervisors
      Dale Wagerman, Wagerman & Assoc.
      Brent Harrington, RCRC