RECOMMENDED ACTION AND JUSTIFICATION: (Policy Item: Yes ___ No X )

Approve a letter supporting Mariposa Public Utility District’s (MPUD) application for grant funds to the California Department of Water Resources. The District proposes to use the grant funds to replace a large section of failing steel water main within the water distribution system. A letter from MPUD is attached relative to this request.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:

None on this specific request.

LIST ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:
1) Approve
2) Provide alternative direction

COSTS:  
(X) Not Applicable
A. Budgeted current FY $  
B. Total anticipated costs $  
C. Required additional funding $  
D. Internal transfers $  

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

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

CLERK’S USE ONLY
Res. No.:  
Vote - Aye:  
Noes:  
Absent:  
Approved ___ Denied ___ Abstained: ___  
Minute Order Attached ( ) No Action Necessary

The foregoing instrument is a correct copy of the original on file in this office.

Date:  
ATTEST:  
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:  

Action Form Revised 5/92
December 10, 2002

Mariposa Public Utility District
Attention: Board of Directors
Post Office Box 494
Mariposa, California  95338

Dear Board of Directors:

The Mariposa County Board of Supervisors supports the Mariposa Public Utility District’s application for California Department of Water Resources grant funds. The District will use the grant funds to replace approximately 15,000 feet of a failing steel water main that is within the water distribution system. The steel water main is old and has deteriorated to the point that leaks are causing property damage and are a risk to public health, not to mention increasing the cost of supplying water.

Mariposa County is a rural county with a small population base and no incorporated cities. The Mariposa Public Utility District supplies water and sewer service, as well as fire protection services to the downtown and surrounding area of the Mariposa community. The grant funds will greatly assist the District in continuing with their exemplary service to the community of Mariposa.

Sincerely,

ROBERT C. STEWART
Chairman

RCS/mbh

bcc: Margie Williams, Clerk of the Board