RESOLUTION - ACTION REQUESTED 2015-42

MEETING: January 27, 2015

TO: The Board of Supervisors

FROM: Merlin Jones, District II Supervisor

RE: Letter of Support for MRCD Grant Application

RECOMMENDATION AND JUSTIFICATION:
Approve a Letter of Support for a Grant Application Submitted by the Mariposa County Resource Conservation District to Continue Their Fire Ready Groups (FRG) Program; and Authorize the Chairman of the Board to Sign the Letter. The Mariposa County Resource Conservation District is submitting a grant application to Cal Fire for funding to continue their FRG program and has requested a letter of support from the Mariposa County Board of Supervisors to include in their grant package.

Please see the letter from the Mariposa County Resource Conservation District for additional information.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:
The Board has routinely approved letters of support for issues that they believe will benefit the citizens of Mariposa County.

ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:
Do not approve the letter. Individual Board members may write their own letters of support for the grant application which may not carry the weight of a letter from the entire Board.

ATTACHMENTS:
RCD Grant Letter (DOCX)
RCD Grant Application Letter of Support 2015 (DOCX)

CAO RECOMMENDATION
Requested Action Recommended
RESULT: ADOPTED BY CONSENT VOTE [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Marshall Long, District III Supervisor
SECONDER: Rosemarie Smallcombe, District I Supervisor
AYES: Smallcombe, Jones, Long, Cann, Carrier
January 27, 2015

Mariposa County Resource Conservation District
Post Office Box 746
Mariposa, California 95338

RE: Grant Application 14-SRA-HF-01-0109

Mariposa County Resource Conservation District:

The Mariposa County Board of Supervisors supports your grant application to continue the implementation of your Fired Ready Groups (FRG) program. This program also includes biannual workshops that educate local landowners who reside in the Cal Fire State Responsibility Area (SRA) of the critical importance of fuel reduction.

Given the current drought conditions and the recent history of wild fires in Mariposa County, the continuation of this program is essential. Educating homeowners in rural areas on fire prevention and methods to implement fuel reduction benefits the community by reducing the threat of wild fire and helping to protect our precious natural resources.

Thank you for continuing your efforts to obtain grant funding for this important program.

Sincerely,

MERLIN JONES
Chairman

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