DEPARTMENT: Board
BY: PHONE: 966-3222

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

Approve and authorize Chairman to sign letter of support for federal appointment of Mr. William "Bill" Dennison to any one of the following positions currently vacant within the Bush/Cheney Administration: Undersecretary of Agriculture for Natural Resources and Environment; Deputy Undersecretary of Agriculture for Natural Resources and Environment; or Deputy Assistant Secretary of Interior for Fish, Wildlife, and Parks.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:

The Board has approved similar letters of support in the past.

LIST ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

⇒ Do not approve letter of support.
⇒ Mr. Dennison will not have the written support of the Board.

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:

- Draft of Letter

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: ____________________

CLERK’S USE ONLY:
Res. No: Res 01-96
Vote - Ayes: _______
Noes: _______
Abstain: _______
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
By: County of Mariposa, State of California
Deputy

Action Form Revised 5/92
April 10, 2001

Mr. Clay Johnson, Director
Presidential Personnel
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Re: Federal Appointment for Mr. William Dennison

Dear Mr. Johnson:

On behalf of the Mariposa County Board of Supervisors, it is my pleasure to offer our support of Mr. William "Bill" Dennison for appointment to any one of the following positions currently vacant within the Bush/Cheney Administration:

Undersecretary of Agriculture for Natural Resources and Environment;
Deputy Undersecretary of Agriculture for Natural Resources and Environment;
Deputy Assistant Secretary of Interior for Fish, Wildlife, and Parks

Mr. Dennison has been active in natural resource and forestry issues throughout his entire career spanning over 40 years. He has served as an advocate for rural California as the head executive of a natural resource based trade association and as a locally elected official. Mr. Dennison promotes the concerns of our communities in the administration of public lands, and through his knowledge and dedication, will be able to communicate successfully on behalf of the Administration regarding federal laws and regulations that have major impacts on the rural way of life.

With his background and extensive experience at the national, state, and local levels, the Mariposa County Board of Supervisors respectfully encourages your favorable consideration of Mr. Dennison for appointment within the Bush/Cheney Administration.

Sincerely,

Doug Balmain
Chairman

DB/dmw

cc: Ann Veneman, Secretary of Agriculture
    Gale Norton, Secretary of the Interior
    Mariposa County Board of Supervisors