RESOLUTION - ACTION REQUESTED 2015-84

MEETING:    February 24, 2015

TO:        The Board of Supervisors

FROM:     Mary Hodson, Interim CAO

RE:        Letters Regarding Lake Don Pedro Community Service District

RECOMMENDATION AND JUSTIFICATION:

Approve Letters to the Lake Don Pedro Community Services District (LDPCSD) and to the California Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) Regarding the Potential Water Shortage at LDPCSD, and Authorize the Board of Supervisors Chair to Sign the Letters.

The LDPCSD is an independent district under the State of California and is in both Tuolumne and Mariposa counties. The LDPCSD receives their water from Lake McClure from a floating barge. Due to the drought, the water levels on Lake McClure are declining to the point that water officials are predicting a strong possibility that there will be no water available for the LDPCSD by early summer.

The LDPCSD is taking steps to limit water usage by its customers and is in the process now of drilling wells. The LDPCSD has very limited funding and has been working with the Department of Water Resources (DWR) on identifying funding for emergency water sources. During emergencies the Standardized Emergency Management System (SEMS) is followed, and the DWR needs documentation that the LDPCSD is working with the respective counties on this issue. The documentation can be in the form of a letter that indicates the form of assistance the County has been and is able to provide, and asking for assistance from Cal OES to facilitate the remainder of what the LDPCSD needs.

The attached letters will allow the SEMS process to be followed and the release of funds through DWR to assist the LDPCSD.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:
The Board has approved letters on issues that will benefit the citizens of Mariposa County.

ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:
Do not approve the letters. The LDPCSD may not be able to get financial assistance through the DWR.
ATTACHMENTS:
LPDCSD Letter 2015  (DOCX)
LPDCSD Letter 2015 - OES   (DOCX)

CAO RECOMMENDATION
Requested Action Recommended

Mary Hodson
Mary Hodson, Interim CAO 2/19/2015

RESULT:  ADOPTED BY CONSENT VOTE [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:  Rosemarie Smallcombe, District I Supervisor
SECONDER:  Marshall Long, District III Supervisor
AYES:  Rosemarie Smallcombe, Merlin Jones, Marshall Long, John Carrier
EXCUSED:  Kevin Cann
Peter Kampa  
General Manager  
Lake Don Pedro Community Services District  
9751 Merced Falls Road  
La Grange, California 95329

RE: Water Supply

Dear Peter:

The Mariposa County Board of Supervisors is aware of the drought situation in the Lake Don Pedro Community Services District (LDPCSD) and the potential water shortage (depletion of Lake McClure) that may soon affect LDPCSD. To the extent possible, Mariposa County has been and is willing to continue to assist LDPCSD in identifying and securing grant funding, expediting the well permit process, and identifying emergency water sources (water tankers).

At this time, Mariposa County has no available discretionary funding to financially assist LDPCSD. All available discretionary funding is committed to on-going operational needs of the County (law enforcement, fire, road maintenance, etc.) as well as on-going capital improvement projects that involve health and safety - Courthouse repairs, waste-water operating systems. The Mariposa County Board of Supervisors has requested assistance for LDPCSD through the California Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES).

The Mariposa County Board of Supervisors will continue to monitor LDPCSD's water situation.

Sincerely,

[Signature]
MERLIN JONES  
Chairman

MJ/mbh

cc: Bob Nozuka, Department of Water Resources
Eric Lamoureux  
Regional Administrator  
California Office of Emergency Services Inland Region  
630 Sequoia Pacific Boulevard, Room 200  
Sacramento, California 95811

RE: Lake Don Pedro Community Services District

Dear Eric:

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Please consider this an official request from Mariposa County for the California Office of Emergency Services to provide assistance to the LDPCSD. The Mariposa County Board of Supervisors will continue to monitor LDPCSD’s water situation.

Sincerely,

Merlin Jones  
Chairman

MJ/mbh  

cc: Bob Nozuka, Department of Water Resources  
Peter Kampa, LDPCSD