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## **RESOLUTION - ACTION REQUESTED 2015-147**

MEETING: April 7, 2015

TO: The Board of Supervisors

FROM: Marshall Long, District III Supervisor

RE: Letter of Support for AB203 Fire Prevention Fee Due Dates

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### **RECOMMENDATION AND JUSTIFICATION:**

Approve a Letter of Support for Assembly Bill (AB) 203 Extending the Fire Prevention Fee Due Date, and Authorize the Board of Supervisors Chair to Sign the Letter.

Currently county residents within the State Responsibility Area (SRA) are required to pay the annual fire fee within 30 days of the date of the invoice. AB 203 would change the due date to 60 days from the date of the invoice.

Please see attached documents 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 legislation which may not carry the weight of a letter from the entire Board.

### **ATTACHMENTS:**

**AB 203 (Oberholte) Fact Sheet (PDF)**

**Draft Language for Support Letter - AB 203 (DOCX)**

**AB 203 Bill Language (PDF)**

**SRA Map - Mariposa County (PDF)**

### **CAO RECOMMENDATION**

Requested Action Recommended

*Mary Hodson*

Mary Hodson, CAO

3/31/2015

**RESULT: ADOPTED BY CONSENT VOTE [UNANIMOUS]**

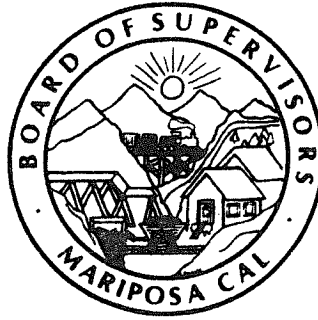
**MOVER:** Marshall Long, District III Supervisor

**SECONDER:** Rosemarie Smallcombe, District I Supervisor

**AYES:** Smallcombe, Jones, Long, Cann, Carrier

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April 7, 2015

The Honorable Jay Obernolte  
State Capitol, Room 4116  
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: SUPPORT ASSEMBLY BILL 203 (OBERNOLTE)

Dear Assembly Member Obernolte:

The Mariposa County Board of Supervisors supports AB 203, which would extend the payment due date of the Fire Prevention Fee from 30 days from the date of assessment to 60 days.

Created by the Legislature and the Governor as part of the 2011 Budget, a Fire Prevention Fee of \$152.33 is assessed annually on owners of habitable structures located on a parcel within a State Responsibility Area (SRA). There is a \$35 reduction if the property is within the boundaries of a local fire protection district. This Fire Prevention Fee affects approximately 8,130 parcels of land in Mariposa County and statewide about 700,000 rural Californians are affected by this fee.

Due to the rural nature of these parcels, many individuals do not receive their invoices in a timely manner. Additionally, many of these individuals (23.7% of the population is over 65) are on fixed incomes, making it a hardship for them to pay their Fire Prevention Fee by the 30-day deadline.

Extending the payment due date of the Fire Prevention Fee from 30 to 60 days will ensure greater compliance with the law by giving all owners of habitable structures located in a SRA more time to actually receive their invoices and remit payment. AB 203 will also give those taxpayers on fixed incomes more time to adjust their budgets.

Thank you for sponsoring AB 203.

Sincerely,

MERLIN JONES  
Chairman, Board of Supervisors

cc: Mariposa County Board of Supervisors  
Senator Berryhill  
Assembly Member Bigelow  
Rural County Representatives of California