RESOLUTION - ACTION REQUESTED 2015-151

MEETING: April 7, 2015

TO: The Board of Supervisors

FROM: Rene LaRoche, Clerk of the Board

RE: Approve Dissolving the Inactive Mariposa County Child Abuse Prevention Coordinating Council

RECOMMENDATION AND JUSTIFICATION:
Approve Dissolving the inactive Mariposa County Child Abuse Prevention Coordinating Council.

At the beginning of the year, the Clerk of the Board’s office conducted its annual audit of the County committees that it maintains. During that audit, the Mariposa County Child Abuse Prevention Coordinating Council was identified as being inactive and no longer required, as the functions of that council were transferred in 2005 to Mariposa Safe Families, Incorporated which is a qualified 501(c)(3).

Additionally, the issue of this dissolution has been reviewed by both the Director of the Human Services Department and County Counsel who have approved the request.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:
In 1986, the Mariposa Crimes Against Children Unit of the District Attorney’s Office was designated as the Mariposa County Child Abuse Prevention Coordinating Council pursuant to Welfare and Institution (W&I) Code §18966. (Resolution 86-343.) That designation required the creation of a county children’s trust fund which appears to have opened federal sources of funding.

In 1989, the California legislature enacted the Child Abuse Prevention Coordinating Council Act. W&I Code §18983.5 of that Act states that: “Councils funded under this chapter shall be incorporated as nonprofit corporations, or established as independent organizations within county government, or comparably independent organizations as determined by the office.” In 2000, the Board approved Res. 00-324 which authorized the Mariposa County Child Abuse Prevention Coordinating Council to obtain non-profit status to allow them to provide services for families and children that are outside the purview of the Department of Human Services.

In 2002, the Board approved Res. 02-384 which designated the continuance of the Mariposa County Child Abuse Prevention Council for the purposes of W&I §18965, and identified it as the entity to administer the Children’s Trust Fund for purposes of W&I §18980. The accompanying agenda item also noted that, “The Council intends to
become a private non-profit as that will allow them to provide services to family and children that are outside the purview of the Department of Human Resources."

On January 14, 2004, Mariposa Safe Families, Inc., received exemption status as a non-profit organization under Internal Revenue Code Section 501(c)(3).

On June 14, 2005, the Board approved resolution 05-248 which, in response to a request received from the California State Office of Child Abuse Prevention, recognized the Mariposa County Child Abuse Prevention Coordinating Council's name change to Mariposa Safe Families, Inc.. From that point forward, Mariposa Safe Families, Inc. ceased to function or be treated as a County committee and, instead, operated as a qualified non-profit with its own separate Board of Directors and staff.

ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:
If the Board does not dissolve the committee, the Clerk of the Board’s Office will continue to maintain the committee information, and will need to continue to include the inactive committee information in the annual Maddy Act postings.

ATTACHMENTS:
Resolution_2005-248 (PDF)
Resolution_2002-384 (PDF)

CAO RECOMMENDATION
Requested Action Recommended

Mary Hodson
Mary Hodson, CAO 4/1/2015

RESULT: ADOPTED BY CONSENT VOTE [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Marshall Long, District III Supervisor
SECONDER: Rosemarie Smallcombe, District I Supervisor
AYES: Smallcombe, Jones, Long, Cann, Carrier