RECOMMENDED ACTION AND JUSTIFICATION: (Policy Item: Yes____ No_X____)

Discussion and possible action to support the formation of the Yosemite/Sequoia Resource Conservation and Development Area.

Jerry Progorner, Mariposa County Resource Conservation District, will be available to answer questions.

Information on this matter is attached, including a draft resolution and letters of support from Congressman Radanovich and Senator Boxer.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:

None on this specific request.

LIST ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:
1) Approve
2) Provide alternative direction
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MARIPOSA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

MINUTE ORDER

TO:       JERRY PROGNER, USDA NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE

FROM:     MARGIE WILLIAMS, Clerk of the Board

SUBJECT: RESOURCE CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT AREA FORMATION
         Res. No. 00-266

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MARIPOSA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA,

ADOPTED THIS Order on July 18, 2000

ACTION AND VOTE:

Bob Pickard, District V Supervisor;
Discussion and Possible Action to Support the Formation of the Yosemite/Sequoia Resource Conservation and Development Area

BOARD ACTION: Supervisor Pickard initiated discussion relative to the possible formation of the Yosemite/Sequoia Resource Conservation and Development Area, and he provided background information. He advised that Jerry Progner, USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service, and Lyle Turpin, Mariposa County Farm Bureau, were present to respond to questions.

Jerry Progner provided information on the action by Congress in 1962 that allowed for the formation of Resource Conservation and Development Areas, and the subsequent formation of Areas in California, and the request for the formation of this particular area. He advised of meetings and support from Resource Conservation Districts in the area, and of other sponsorships. Supervisor Parker requested that a copy of the draft by-laws be provided to the Board members. Supervisor Reilly requested that information be provided on the status of action by other counties to support this project.

Supervisor Parker initiated discussion relative to the recent fuel modification project in the Stockton Creek watershed, and asked that the Board be kept fully informed of any such projects and their status in the future. Discussion was held relative to the environmental review process for this particular project and the notification process. Supervisor Parker suggested that this project not move forward until an opportunity is provided for people to understand the program and that there are assurances that the project will be completed.

Further discussion was held, and Supervisor Balmain asked whether there is a financial commitment if sponsorship is approved. (M)Pickard to adopt a resolution to support the formation, was reworded following further discussion. Supervisor Pickard reworded his motion, Res. 00-266 adopted supporting in
concept the formation of the Resource Conservation and Development Area/Ayes: Reilly, Stewart, Parker, Pickard; Abstained: Balmain.

cc: Jeff Green, County Counsel
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