RECOMMENDED ACTION AND JUSTIFICATION:

Consider approving a letter of protest regarding the possible relocation of the CalTrans changeable message sign from its current location on Highway 120. Tuolumne County is asking CalTrans to move their changeable message sign from its present location east of Buckmeadows on Highway 120 to east of Groveland on Highway 120. If Tuolumne County is successful with their request, then the northside of Mariposa County will no longer have a sign advertising road conditions into the Park.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:

The Board has approved letters in the past that they feel are in the best interests of Mariposa County.

LIST ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

Do not approve a letter protesting the possible relocation of CalTrans’ changeable message sign. Tuolumne County may be successful in their request for the relocation of the sign.

COSTS:  
A. Budgeted Current FY $  
B. Total Anticipated Costs $  
C. Required Additional Funding $  
D. Internal Transfers $  
SOURCE:  
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 letter of protest

CLERKS USE ONLY:  
Res. No. 20-382  
Vote -  
Ayes:  
Noes:  
Absent:  
Abstained:  
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  
County of Mariposa, State of California

BY:  
Deputy

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER’S RECOMMENDATION:  
This item on agenda as:  

Recommended  
Not Recommended  
For Policy Determination  
Submitted with Comment  
Returned for Further Action

Comment:

CAO’s Initials:  

Action Form Revised 5/92
MARIPOSA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

MINUTE ORDER

TO: SUPERVISOR ROBERT STEWART

FROM: MARGIE WILLIAMS, Clerk of the Board

SUBJECT: Letter of Protest Regarding the Possible Relocation of the CalTrans Changeable message Sign from its Current Location on Highway 120; Res. 00-282

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MARIPOSA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA,

ADOPTED THIS ORDER on July 25, 2000

ACTION AND VOTE:

Consider Approving a Letter of Protest Regarding the Possible Relocation of the CalTrans Changeable Message Sign from its Current Location on Highway 120 (Supervisor Stewart)

BOARD ACTION: Discussion was held relative to the letter and changes including the need for continued communication on these issues and including information that the current location of the sign leads tourists to other destinations. (M)Reilly, (S)Stewart, Res. 00-282 adopted approving the letter with changes as discussed/Ayes: Reilly, Balmain, Stewart, Parker; Excused: Pickard.

cc: File
August 1, 2000

Mark Leja
District 10 Director
California Department of Transportation
Post Office Box 2048
Stockton, California 95201

Dear Mark:

The Mariposa County Board of Supervisors strongly opposes the removal or relocation of your changeable message sign (CMS) that is located on Highway 120 east of Buckmeadows. We have learned through the Yosemite Area Regional Transportation System Joint Powers Authority that Tuolumne County would like to move the sign, possibly to a site east of Groveland.

The CMS was placed at its current location on the recommendation of Tuolumne County as part of the Yosemite Area Traveler Information project. Factors considered at that time were how to best serve the traveling public and the impacts on local businesses. Given the considerable expense incurred to place the sign at its current location and an absence of any significant changes in traveler patterns, we see no justification for a relocation of the CMS. We are also concerned about potentially negative impacts on businesses in the Buckmeadows area that are likely to result from a relocation of the CMS.

Thank you for your consideration and we would appreciate receiving an update on this issue. Please contact me if you need additional information or have any questions.

Sincerely,

GARRY R. PARKER
Chairman

GRP/mbh

cc: Board of Supervisors
    Jeff Green, County Counsel
    Tuolumne County Board of Supervisors
    YARTS JPA

bcc: Margie Williams, Clerk of the Board