RESOLUTION - ACTION REQUESTED 2015-457

MEETING: September 22, 2015

TO: The Board of Supervisors

FROM: Mary Hodson, CAO

RE: Mariposa Visitors' Center Agreement

RECOMMENDATION AND JUSTIFICATION:

Approve a Two-Year Agreement with the Mariposa County Chamber of Commerce to Operate the Mariposa Visitors' Center in the Amount of $331,442, and Authorize the Board of Supervisors Chair to Sign the Agreement.

At the request of the Mariposa County Chamber, this Agreement is for two years. The term is from October 1, 2015, through September 30, 2017. Included in the compensation is an increase effective January 1, 2016, to account for the scheduled increase in the minimum wage. Effective January 1, 2017, a cost-of-living adjustment is included tied to an increase in the consumer price index (CPI) with a maximum of 2%.

Because this Agreement overlaps fiscal years, the cost will be spread over three fiscal years as follows:

- Fiscal Year 2015-16: $161,860
- Fiscal Year 2016-17: $166,693
- Fiscal Year 2017-18: $47,889

If a new Agreement is initiated beginning on October 1, 2017, then the Fiscal Year cost for 2017-18 will naturally increase, but listed above is the minimum of funding that the Board is committing if this Agreement is approved (unless of course the Agreement is terminated).

Also included in this Agreement are the same terms that the Board approved in last year's Agreement regarding allowing the Chamber to close the Visitors' Center for up to 10 days during the calendar year for holidays and/or for staff to attend training classes, as well as the 30-day termination clause.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:

On September 23, 2014, the Board adopted Resolution 14-499 approving a one-year Agreement with the Mariposa County Chamber of Commerce for the operation of the Mariposa Visitors' Center in the amount of $159,000.

On October 14, 2014, the Board adopted Resolution 14-525 approving a First
Amendment to the Agreement adding language regarding allowing the Chamber to close the Visitors' Center for up to 10-days in a calendar year for holidays and training classes, and changing the termination notice to 30-days.

During the Fiscal Year 2015-16 Final Budget Hearings, the Board approved funding in the amount of $161,860 in the Community Cultural budget for the operation of the Mariposa Visitors' Center.

ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:
Do not approve the two-year agreement. The Board may modify the Agreement and change it to a one-year Agreement. The Board may direct staff to identify another contractor to operate the Visitors' Center, which could result in the Mariposa Visitors' Center being closed until a new contractor is identified, given that the existing Agreement ends on September 30, 2015.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:
$161,860 has been appropriated in the Fiscal Year 2015-16 General Fund - Community and Cultural budget for this purpose.

ATTACHMENTS:
2015 Chamber Contract (DOCX)

CAO RECOMMENDATION
Requested Action Recommended

Mary Hodson
Mary Hodson, CAO 9/15/2015

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Marshall Long, District III Supervisor
SECONDER: John Carrier, District V Supervisor
AYES: Rosemarie Smallcombe, Merlin Jones, Marshall Long, John Carrier
EXCUSED: Kevin Cann