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

Resolution to Honor Thomas Efird, District Ranger, Mariposa/Minarets Ranger District, for his Service to Mariposa County and on his Reassignment to Clovis, CA as Ecosystem Management Officer with the Sierra National Forest.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:

Tom has been with the Mariposa/Minarets Ranger district for 12 years and is relocating to Clovis to fill the position of Ecosystem Management Officer with the Sierra National Forest.

The Board has approved similar Resolutions.

LIST ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:
1) Approve
2) Provide alternative direction

Denied: Minute Order Attached: County Administrative Officer's Recommendation:

The foregoing instrument is a correct copy of the original or file in this office.

Date: ATTEST: MARGIE WILLIAMS, Clerk of the Board County of Mariposa, State of California

By: Deputy

C.A.O. Initials: Action Form Revised 5/92
WHEREAS, THOMAS “TOM” EFIRD is leaving the Mariposa and Minarets Ranger District with the rank of District Ranger after 12 years of distinguished service; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure as District Ranger, TOM earned his reputation as a stable, forthright ranger possessing a diverse knowledge and concern for the local community and resources; and

WHEREAS, TOM is focused on land stewardship and conservation through honesty and common sense and by setting a positive example; and

WHEREAS, TOM is a good communicator and strong believer in local decision-making by always speaking up at Board meetings on subjects relating to both public and Forest Service issues, thereby keeping both the public and Board members informed; and

WHEREAS, TOM has worked cooperatively with the local community on issues concerning YARTS, the Merced Wild and Scenic River Planning, the Fish Camp Advisory Town Council, the Shared Visitor Information Center and the State Mining and Mineral Museum; and

WHEREAS, TOM is a traditional, family-oriented man possessing flexibility and integrity with steady, balanced ideas; and

WHEREAS, although TOM is leaving his position with the Mariposa and Minarets Ranger District, he will continue to serve the public in his new role as Ecosystem Management Officer with the Sierra National Forest in Clovis, California.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of Mariposa County, a political subdivision of the State of California, hereby commends TOM for his service to the people of California and warmly wishes TOM all the best in his future endeavors.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of Mariposa County this 24th day of October, 2000, by unanimous vote.

PATTI A. REILLY, District I Supervisor

GARRY R. PARKER, District IV Supervisor

DOUG BALMAIN, District II Supervisor

BOB PICKARD, District V Supervisor

ROBERT C. STEWART, District III Supervisor
Garry Parker, Chairman  
Mariposa Board of Supervisors  
P.O. Box 784  
Mariposa, CA 95338

Dear Chairman Parker:

Within the next 30 days I will be permanently reassigned to the Ecosystem Management Officer position on the Sierra National Forest in Clovis, California. This change is one that I requested and in keeping with my long-term career goals. A new District Ranger for the Minarets and Mariposa Ranger Districts will be selected through a competitive process and should be in place by the beginning of the next calendar year. In the mean time, Jim Boynton, Forest Supervisor, will appoint an Acting District Ranger to serve in the interim. I will introduce the new District Ranger to the Board at a future scheduled Board Meeting.

It has been my great pleasure to serve the citizens of Mariposa County and to work cooperatively with the County on many issues and projects over the past 12 years; YARTS, Merced Wild and Scenic River Planning, Fish Camp Advisory Town Council, Shared Visitor Information Center, State Mining and Minerals Museum, to name a few. While the County and Forest Service positions on issues of forest management have not always been in agreement, we have not allowed our differences to get in the way of supporting programs and projects which benefit our local communities and the National Forest System lands within Mariposa County.

I wish to thank you and the other members of the Board for always providing a respectful and professional forum for discussion the many times I have made presentations or rose to speak in support of community initiatives in front of the Board. I appreciate the difficulty you face when decisions are made high above the local level on Forest Service policies and programs that directly affect the well being and livelihood of your constituents. I look forward to working one administrative level closer to the policy formulation level of the Forest Service and will carry the lessons learned working in Mariposa County with me.

Yours respectfully,

[Signature]

THOMAS C. EFIRD  
District Ranger
Notes re Tom Efird –
- Very family oriented
- Has a diverse knowledge and concern for the local community and resources
- He is forthright, has common sense, and is very flexible and adaptable
- Is extremely stable and steady and balanced
- Is great at formulating ideas
- He is focused on land stewardship – maintaining long-term conditions, conservation
- He is a strong believer in local decision making
- Leads by strong positive example and believes in tradition
- Honesty and integrity
MEMO

DATE: October 5, 2000

TO: Patti Reilly, Supervisor, District I  
Bob Pickard, Supervisor, District V

FROM: Corey Hoskins, Deputy Clerk of the Board  

SUJECT: Thomas Efirds' reassignment to Clovis, CA

Enclosed please find a resolution to honor Tom for his service to Mariposa County. I have utilized information provided in his letter to Chairman Parker as well as information Margie obtained. I would appreciate any additional input you might have.

Thank you.

Enclosures
Tom Efully

After 12 years as District Ranger of the Minarets Ranger Districts, Tom is moving on to another position. Come help us wish him well.

When: October 28th 6 – 10 pm
Where: Chester’s BBQ, North end of Oakhurst on Hwy 41, before the Bass Lake turnoff
Cost: Adults – 14$ (includes buffet dinner/gift)
Kids under 6 – FREE (Chester’s has a separate eating area for kids)

For more info or RSVP, contact Gary Thompson or Sheila Miner – 877-2218