MEETING: October 27, 2015

TO: The Board of Supervisors

FROM: Steve Johnson, Human Resources Director - Risk Manager

RE: Medical Malpractice Program Extended Participation Agreement

RECOMMENDATION AND JUSTIFICATION:
Approve the Medical Malpractice Extended Participation Agreement with the California State Association of Counties-Excess Insurance Authority (CSAC-EIA) and authorize the Board of Supervisors Chair to sign the agreement. The CSAC-EIA is asking members for a commitment to remain in the program for a two-year period from October 1, 2015 to October 1, 2017. By committing to a two-year period, this will provide the County with a reduction in the program premium. In order to be eligible for the premium reduction, the Extended Participation Agreement must be signed.

Mariposa County has been participating in this program since January 1991 and with its participation, the County realizes a cost-savings because we are in a pool of counties which affords us a lower premium. A stand-alone policy for this kind of coverage would most likely have a higher premium and in fact, according to the EIA, occurrence-based coverage is likely not available outside of the EIA program.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:
On October 14, 2014, the Board authorized the Chair to sign the Extended Participation Agreement for a two-year period from October 1, 2014 to October 1, 2016. By signing the Agreement at that time, the County was eligible for a premium reduction.

ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:
Do not authorize the signing of the Extended Participation Agreement. A negative action would result in Mariposa County having to pay a higher premium to participate in the Medical Malpractice Program.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:
Premiums for participation in this program are included in the Health and Behavioral Health budgets.

ATTACHMENTS:
Med Mal Extended Participation Agreement (PDF)

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