RECOMMENDED ACTION AND JUSTIFICATION: (Policy Item: Yes ___ No X)

Pass and adopt this Resolution authorizing the Chairman to sign an Agreement with the National Park Service to provide funding for ambulance service in the El Portal area. Supervisor Reilly has reviewed and approved the Agreement as drafted as well as Health Officer Dr. Mosher. A memorandum dated March 31, 1995 with Dr. Mosher's comments is included in this package. Administrative Officer Mike Coffield has indicated that funds for this Agreement are budgeted for the next fiscal year.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:

In the last several years, the Board has authorized payment for this service.

LIST ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:
1. Do not approve Agreement. Funding will not be provided for ambulance service and service may be abandoned.
2. Approve Agreement as proposed.

COSTS: ( ) Not Applicable
A. Budgeted current FY \$20,000
B. Total anticipated costs \$20,000
C. Required additional funding $ ________
D. Internal transfers $ ________

SOURCE: ( ) 4/5ths Vote Required
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:
Agreement. Memo of 3/31/95 to Counsel from Dr. Mosher.

ADMINSITIVE OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION:
This item on agenda as:
Recommended  
Not Recommended
For Policy Determination
Submitted with Comment
Returned for Further Action

Comment: _______________________________________________

A.O. Initials: ____________________________

CLERK'S USE ONLY:
Res. No.: 95-216  Ord. No.  __
Vote - Ayes: 12  Noes:  ___  Abstained:  ___
   ___  Approved  ( )  Denied  ___  Minute Order Attached  ( )  No Action Necessary

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

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

By:  ____________
     Deputy

12-150SA  Action Form Revised 5/92
March 31, 1995

TO      : Jeff Green, County Counsel
FROM    : C. B. Mosher, MD, Health Officer
SUBJECT : DRAFT Memorandum of Agreement between Yosemite Park and Mariposa County, #1443MA880095002

As requested, I have reviewed the DRAFT Memorandum of Agreement for changes in level of service compared with the Agreement the County executed with the Park in 1989.

What is most significant is that the Park is committing itself to a greater degree of effort than previously laid out; however, the operation, as proposed in the draft memorandum, does not deviate significantly from the current practice. Specifics are as follows:

1. Park Service states that it will "make a good faith effort" to provide 24 hour service. This is no change.

2. Park Service states that it will "strive to" train and provide four ALS persons in El Portal. This is no change.

3. Park Service states that it will "strive to" respond within ten minutes of receiving a call. This is new and represents as higher level of function than they were previously willing to propose in writing, but is, of course, not binding.

4. The Park Service commits to notify the County's EMS dispatch authority whenever the El Portal ambulance is unavailable for an extended period of time. This represents a new level of commitment on the Park's part.
5. The Park details the level of advanced life support training that it will provide in Sections IIA2e and f. This is a higher level of detail than they previously discussed in writing.

In recent years, the County has been subsidizing the Park Service $20,000 annually for the service in El Portal and this amount was not proposed for an increase in the current draft.

In summary, the only increased level of service that the new DRAFT commits to is the notification of the dispatch center when the El Portal ambulance is out of service for any extended period of time. However, the verbiage in the agreement reflects a higher level of effort than the Park was willing to commit to in the previous agreement and, in our experience, is consistent with the performance of the Park with respect to the El Portal ambulance over the past years. They have held up their end of the bargain.

If you need any further information, please don't hesitate to call.

cc: Supervisor Patti Reilly