RECOMMENDED ACTION AND JUSTIFICATION: (Policy Item: Yes__ No X) Approve this resolution authorizing the Board Chair to execute a participation agreement for inclusion of Mariposa County Social Services in the Memorandum of Understanding between the California Department of Social Services and the County Welfare Directors Association as the Representative of the California Consortium of Welfare Departments.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:
The State Department of Social Services and the County Welfare Directors Association of California has developed a Memorandum of Understanding for the purpose of receiving enhanced federal funds for Emergency Response in the areas of Probation, Mental Health and Social Services. This MOU has been divided into the following increments, Emergency Assistance Phases I, II, III, IV. Mariposa County has already executed participation agreements for Emergency Assistance Phase I through the Probation Department, Emergency Assistance Phase II through Mental Health Department (Res. 94-311) the attached Participation Agreement will allow the Social Services Department to participate in Phase III. Participation in the EA program will mean that this department will be able to begin claiming for Emergency Response cases not covered under our current claiming mechanism, further reducing County costs for Child Welfare Services. The small County participation fee will be more than offset through the claiming process and should we not receive more funds through this process the participation fee will be reimbursted to the County.

LIST ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:
1. The State needs participation in the MOU process from all California counties in order to guarantee to the federal government that California has a uniform statewide EA Program, which is a federal requirement to receive the enhanced funding necessary to reduce State and County costs for Child Welfare Services.

2. The entire State would be prohibited from receiving federal funds through this new phase of the EA process.

COSTS: ( ) Not Applicable
A. Budgeted current FY $ 408
B. Total anticipated costs $ 408
C. Required additional funding $ 0
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:
State/CWDA MOU pages 1-7
Certification for Inclusion - 1 page
Addendum - 1 page Attachment 3-A - 2 pages

CLERK'S USE ONLY:
Res. No.: 94-4/3 Ord. No. 
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: 
I Recommended Not Recommended
For Policy Determination Submitted with Comment
Returned for Further Action

Comment:
A.O. Initials: 