RECOMMENDED ACTION AND JUSTIFICATION: (Policy Item: Yes___ No X___)

Discussion and possible action to oppose new air quality rules for California, known as the Federal Implementation Plan (FIP).

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:

On October 31, 1994, the Board of Supervisors received a request from Supervisors Mike Antonovich (County of Los Angeles), Dianne Jacob (County of San Diego), Dave Cox (County of Sacramento), John Flynn (County of Ventura) and Dick Mudd (County of Glenn) urging immediate action in opposition to new air quality rules for California, known as the Federal Implementation Plan (FIP), proposed by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). This request asks that the attached FIP opposition form be completed and that a resolution in opposition to FIP be adopted.

LIST ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

1) Take action in opposition to FIP.
2) Take no action at this time.
MARIPOSA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

MINUTE ORDER

TO: ED JOHNSON, PLANNING AND BUILDING DIRECTOR
   DR. MOSHER, COUNTY HEALTH OFFICER
FROM: MARGIE WILLIAMS, CLERK OF THE BOARD
SUBJECT: PROPOSED AIR QUALITY RULES (FIP)

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MARIPOSA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA,

ADOPTED THIS Order on November 15, 1994

ACTION AND VOTE:

Discussion and Possible Action to Oppose New Air Quality Rules for California, Known as the Federal Implementation Plan (FIP) (Supervisor Balmain)

BOARD ACTION: Following discussion, (M)Balmain, (S)Taber, Res. 94-493 adopted opposing the new rules/Ayes: Balmain, Erickson, Parker, Taber; Excused: Baggett.

cc: File
WHEREAS; the environment and cleaner air is important to every Californian; and

WHEREAS; billions of dollars have already been spent, and will continue to be spent, by the public and private sectors to achieve additional clean air benefits and clean air goals; and

WHEREAS; multiple federal, state and local regulations require all businesses to reduce air emissions using expensive new technologies; and

WHEREAS; California has suffered dramatic job and revenue losses and is just beginning to recover from the recent economic recession; and

WHEREAS; the Federal Implementation Plan (FIP) being forced on California would cause economic havoc; and

WHEREAS; this 1,700 page plan will go into effect February 15, 1995, unless halted now; and

WHEREAS; the FIP proposes unattainable emissions standards for California ports, planes, ships, railroads, trucks and every other mobile source; and

WHEREAS; an independent analysis of the FIP shows this air plan would cost California $50 billion annually and up to 500,000 jobs; and

WHEREAS; the California School Boards Association and School Transportation Coalition reports the FIP would cost California schools more than $600 million by rendering most school buses obsolete; and

WHEREAS; forcing school buses off the road means at least 800,000 more cars on the road every day, with parents taking their kids to school which would cause more traffic congestion; and

WHEREAS; the FIP would cost the Los Angeles area economy alone $35 billion, eliminate 345,000 jobs and disproportionately harm small businesses, minorities and economically disadvantaged people; and

WHEREAS; the FIP will cost counties hundreds of millions of dollars to replace engines on trucks, ambulances, fire-fighting equipment, trash haulers and other diesel operated vehicles; and

WHEREAS; the FIP fines, fees and engine replacement regulations apply throughout the state and to all counties for all on-road equipment, not just the three non-attainment districts; and

WHEREAS; while counties support cleaner air, the FIP will prematurely force counties to switch its fleets to alternative fuel vehicles, which would require installation of fueling facilities that cost a minimum of $1 million per site; and

WHEREAS; counties will be responsible for paying the hefty costs for these facilities, fines, fees and new equipment; and

WHEREAS; counties rely on a healthy economy and the FIP costs to local businesses would strike an additional blow to Counties and the State's economic recovery; and

WHEREAS; the FIP removes local control on air quality issues and gives it to the federal government; and

WHEREAS; we applaud the FIP's goal of cleaner air but the United States Environmental Protection Agency states it cannot guarantee its plan will achieve the goal and that the FIP's benefits have been difficult to quantify; and

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WHEREAS; the Secretary of the California Environmental Protection Agency says about the FIP: "California, alone among all the states, is being led into a bleak, back-alley legal process for which there is no precedent, no environmental rationale, no defense, and seemingly, no end"; and

WHEREAS; the League of California Cities President, Monrovia Mayor Bob Bartlett states: "Like every Californian, we all want cleaner air, but turning the state upside down to support bureaucratic regulations without any guarantee of achieving the goal is, forgive me, crazy"; and

WHEREAS; the FIP was never voted on by Congress; no democratically elected federal, state or local official was part of its creation and the California public has had only three hearings to publicly comment; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of Mariposa County, a political subdivision of the State of California, join with the California Chamber of Commerce, California Manufacturers Association, California School Boards Association, California Taxpayers Association, California Trucking Association, Air Transport Association, California Farm Bureau Federation, California Restaurant Association, National Federation of Independent Business, Home Depot, Raley's, Campbell's Soup Company, California School Transportation Coalition, California Building Industry Association, Operating Engineers, Local Union Number 3, Western Traffic Conference, California Retail Air Quality Coalition, California Grocers Association, Mexican-American Grocers Association, Agricultural Council of California, Milk Producers Council, California Small Business United, Western United Dairymen, Los Angeles Customs & Freight Brokers Association, Western States Petroleum Association, California Tomato Growers Association, Southern California Business Association, Los Angeles County Hotel/Motel Group, San Jose Chamber of Commerce, California Cattlemen's Association, Dairyman's Cooperative Creamery Association, Industry Manufactures Council, California Business Properties Association, California Moving & Storage Association, California Association of Nurserymen, Los Angeles County Aviation Commission, Market Wholesale Grocery Company, American Medical Response, Home Express, San Gabriel Valley Commerce and Cities Consortium, Associated General Contractors, Central California Education Legislation Consortium, California League of Food Processors, Ace Hardware Corporation and many others in opposition to the Federal Implementation Plan (FIP) and requests the White House to take the necessary and immediate action to halt its implementation.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 15th day of November, 1994, by the Board of Supervisors of Mariposa County by the following vote:

AYES: BALMAIN, ERICKSON, PARKER, TABER
NOES: NONE
ABSENT: BAGGETT
ABSTAINED: NONE

ARTHUR G. BAGGETT, JR.
Chairman of the Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

MARGIE WILLIAMS
Clerk of the Board

APPROVED AS TO FORM
AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:

JEFFREY G. GREEN
County Counsel

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ATTENTION LOCAL ELECTED OFFICIAL! Sign and return today!

STOP THE FIP! Local Elected Official Opposition Form

PLEASE ADD MY NAME TO THE STATEWIDE "STOP THE FIP" COALITION that includes the California Chamber of Commerce, California Manufacturers Ass'n, California School Boards Ass'n, California Taxpayers Ass'n, California Trucking Ass'n, Air Transport Ass'n, California Farm Bureau Federation, California Restaurant Ass'n, National Federation of Independent Business, Home Depot, Raley's, Campbell's Soup Company, California School Transportation Coalition, United Parcel Service (UPS), California Building Industry Ass'n, Operating Engineers, Local Union No. 3, Western Traffic Conference, California Retail Air Quality Coalition, California Grocers Ass'n, Mexican-American Grocers Ass'n, Agricultural Council of California, Milk Producers Council, California Small Business United, Western United Dairymen, Los Angeles Customs & Freight Brokers Ass'n, Western States Petroleum Ass'n, California Pear Growers Ass'n, California Tomato Growers Ass'n, Southern California Business Ass'n, Los Angeles County Hotel/Motel Group, San Jose Chamber of Commerce, California Cattlemen's Ass'n, Dairyman's Cooperative Creamery Ass'n, Grower-Shipper Vegetable Ass'n of Central California, Industry Manufacturers Council, California Grain and Feed Ass'n, California Independent Petroleum Ass'n, California Business Properties Association, California Corn Growers, California Moving & Storage Ass'n, California Ass'n of Nurserymen, Raley's, Market Wholesale Grocery Company, Campbell's Soup Co., American Medical Response, Home Express, Mac Tools, San Gabriel Valley Commerce and Cities Consortium, California Planting Cotton Seed Distributors, Associated General Contractors, Central California Education Legislation Consortium, California League of Food Processors, Ontario Chamber of Commerce, John Kautz Farms, Ace Hardware Corporation and many others.

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C O U N T M E I N. I O P P O S E T H E F I P. I support cleaner air but the Federal Implementation Plan (FIP) makes no sense for California. There are smarter ways to achieve cleaner air without costing the state $50 billion and 500,000 lost jobs.

You may use my name publicly in opposition.

(Please print)
Mariposa County
Board of Supervisors

Printed Name

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Date 12/21/94

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Authorized Signature
ARTHUR G. BAGGETT, JR., Chairman

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