RECOMMENDED ACTION AND JUSTIFICATION:  (Policy Item:  Yes___  No___)

The Northside Ambulance Association has been seeking a location for installation of a landing pad for the Medi-Flight helicopter. An excellent location has been found on Bureau of Land Management (BLM) land. The BLM is agreeable to allowing this facility and suggests that the most expeditious and inexpensive approach would be to have the County request the special use permit from BLM for the Helispot location adjacent to Highway J-20. The County will also request the encroachment permit from CALTRANS.

The installation will consist of a 60' by 60' gravel pad and a gravel road and may include the installation of a Visual Approach Slope Indicator (VASI) to facilitate landing at night. Any other lights would be temporary and mobile. It is intended that the road be gated and signed as designated for emergency helicopter operations only.

There will be no cost to the County for this application and project; the Northside Ambulance Association will bear all costs with a grant from the Heath Association.

LIST ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

The Board could let the Northside Ambulance Association seek the permits themselves, but that action would increase the cost and delay implementing this project to enhance public safety.
MARIPosa COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

MINUTE ORDER

TO: DOUG BALMAIN, District II Supervisor
FROM: MARGIE WILLIAMS, Clerk of the Board
SUBJECT: Special Use Permit from BLM and County Encroachment Permit
Resolution Number 94-523

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MARIPosa COUNTY, CALIFORNIA,

ADOPTED THIS Order on December 13, 1994

ACTION AND VOTE:

Discussion and Direction on County Application for Special Use Permit from Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and Encroachment Permit from the California Department of Transportation (CALTRANS) for Helispot Location in North County (Supervisor Balmain)

BOARD ACTION: Discussion was held and Supervisor Balmain noted that the grant is anticipated from the Heath Foundation. Following discussion, (M)Balmain, (S)Parker, Res. 95-523 adopted approving and authorizing Chairman to sign use permit for helispot location next to County J-20 and documents for encroachment permit from the County/Ayes: Baggett, Balmain, Erickson, Parker; Excused: Taber.

cc: File