RECOMMENDED ACTION AND JUSTIFICATION: (Policy Item: Yes___ No_x_) 
Pass and adopt this resolution supporting AB 193 (Goldsmith), relating to the prevailing wages for certain public works project.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:
None on this request. Information from RCRC is attached.

LIST ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:
1) Approve and support this legislation which would allow local governments to waive requirements, and result in a savings.
2) Do not approve and the Board's support would not be forthcoming.
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March 15, 1993

TO: Members of the Assembly Labor and Employment Committee

FROM: Eric J. Erickson, Chairman, Mariposa County Board of Supervisors

SUBJECT: AB 193 (Goldsmith), Prevailing Wages for Certain Public Works Projects

Dear Committee Members,

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In these times of economic crisis, this legislation would allow rural counties greater flexibility in managing local affairs.

Your consideration and support of this legislation would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

ERIC J. ERICKSON
Chairman, Mariposa County Board of Supervisors

cc: Assemblywoman Snyder
Senator McCorquodale
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