RECOMMENDED ACTION AND JUSTIFICATION: (Policy Item: Yes X No) Direction to chairman to sign attached letter of support for the Mariposa County Resource Conservation District’s grant application for erosion control activities. This application has been submitted to the State Water Resource Control Board and appears to have a high likelihood of approval. The grant would require a County contribution which has been projected at $8,000.00 per year for three years. This revenue would be generated through a contract for grading plan check and inspection services with the Building Enterprise budget. This letter is consistent with previous Board support of this grant.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:
Board adopted Resolution 92-607 in support of this grant. See attached.

LIST ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:
1. Do not authorize letter in support of grant - application may be negatively affected.

COSTS:
(X) Not Applicable
A. Budgeted current FY $________
B. Total anticipated costs $________
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:
Draft letter

Previous Board Resolution regarding this matter

CLERK'S USE ONLY:
Res. No.: 92-200
Ord. No. _______
Vote - Ayes: 5
Noves: _____
Absent: 0
Approved: 5
Abstained: 0
Denied: 0
Minute Order Attached ( ) No Action Necessary

The foregoing instrument is a correct copy of the original on file in this office.
Date:
ATTEST: MARIE WILLIAMS, Clerk of the Board
County of Mariposa, State of California
By: Deputy

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

A.D. Initials: _______________________

Action Form Revised 5/92
State Water Resources Control Board  
P. O. Box 100  
Sacramento, CA 95812-0100

Re: Clean Water Act Section 319(h)  
Grant Proposal

Dear Board Members:

The Mariposa County Board of Supervisors desires to reiterate its support for the Mariposa County Resource Conservation District’s grant application for a County Sediment Reduction Program. This project was developed based upon on-going discussions between the County and R.C.D. relative to improving the success of our grading regulation process. We strongly believe that providing an enhanced level of technical assistance would dramatically improve the success of our regulatory program and significantly reduce soil erosion and sedimentation.

The grant would provide an erosion control specialist that would be available to review and provide recommendation on every proposed grading project both at the plan review and grading phase of a project. Mariposa County cannot currently provide this level of expertise because it is not cost effective based upon the small size of the County. A typical grading project in the County is associated with construction of a home on a large parcel. Much of this development is conducted by individual property owners (owner/builders) which makes enhanced technical assistance all the more important.

Our staff has worked with the R.C.D. in developing the concept of the grant application based upon previous direction by the Mariposa County Board of Supervisors to improve the grading and erosion control standards. This grant would establish a pilot program which, if successful, will lead to a long term program funded through permit and inspection fees. The program funded by
the grant would result in a substantial reduction in grading related soil erosion and sedimentation over both the short and long term.

Sincerely,

ERIC J. ERICKSON
Chairman
DEPARTMENT: Board of Supervisors          BY: Punte          PHONE: 966-3222

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

Resolution Supporting Resource Conservation District's Application for Grant Funds from the State Water Resources Control Board for use in erosion control activities.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:

Section 319 of the Federal Clean Water Act has established the framework for Non Point Source pollution activities on a state level. In California, the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) is the designated lead agency and has established the criteria to evaluate projects eligible for funding. The SWRCB will have one million dollars available for 1994 proposals. The attached further outlines this Erosion Control Funding Proposal.

LIST ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

Support or do not support.

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

SOURCE:  ( ) 4/5ths Vote Required

A. Unanticipated revenues $________
B. Reserve for contingencies $________
C. Source description: Balance/Reserve for Contingencies, if approved $________

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:
List the attachments and number the pages consecutively:
Erosion Control Funding Proposal

CLERK'S USE ONLY:

Res. No. 92-627
Vote - Ayes: ________
Absent: ________
Approved: ________
( ) Minute Order Attached

Ord. No.
Noes: ________
Abstained: ________
( ) Denied
( ) No Action Necessary

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

ADMINISTRATIVE 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: ________

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B. Reserve for contingencies
C. Source description:
Balance/Reserve for Contingencies, if approved

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:
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Erosion Control Funding Proposal

CLERK'S USE ONLY:
Res. No. ________________________________________ Ord. No. ________________________________________
Vote - Ayes: ____________________________ Noes: ____________________________
Absent: ____________________________
( ) 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:
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--- Not Recommended
--- For Policy Determination
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--- Returned for Further Action

Comment: ____________________________

A.O. Initials: ____________________________

Action Form Revised 5/92
EROSION CONTROL FUNDING PROPOSAL
11/12/92

Section 319 of the federal Clean Water Act (CWA) has established the framework for Non Point Source (NPS) pollution activities on a state level. In California the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) is the designated lead agency and has established the criteria to evaluate projects eligible for funding. The SWRCB will have one million dollars available for 1994 proposals. Implementation activities that reduce NPS loading from the following sources are eligible for funding:

- channel erosion
- sedimentation due to construction & land development
- pesticides and fertilizers
- agricultural drainage
- dredging activities
- silvicultural practices
- septic systems and on-site disposal
- urban runoff
- livestock grazing
- acid mine drainage

Implementation activities include, but are not limited to, demonstration projects, technology transfer, training, public education, technical assistance, and ordinance development. Projects with strong public participation and education components will receive preference. Proposals must include at least a 40% local match.

The Mariposa County Resource Conservation District (MCRCD) will submit a grant proposal to the SWRCB to fund a 3 year NPS project. A project leader will be employed to provide technical assistance to the people of Mariposa County in developing and implementing erosion and sediment control plans on all new construction sites and land developments
within the jurisdiction of the County Grading Ordinance. A video will be produced and made available to the general public. This video will include the entire site development process on at least one representative building site. It will detail all aspects from initial earth moving, through construction, to final erosion control implementation. It will document both successes and failures - the "Do's and Don'ts". This video will be produced by a professional media consultant. The total project cost will be approximately $160,349 for the 3 year project with the following contribution:

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Historically, the USDA Soil Conservation Service provided staff to the MCRCD for just this type of assistance. Federal budgetary constraints and changed priorities have eliminated this staff assistance entirely. At present, neither the MCRCD nor the County of Mariposa is able to entirely fund an erosion control specialist. The County of Mariposa has determined that it will be able to generate $8,000 next fiscal year through grading permits. It is hoped that this money, along with the commitment received from the RCD and the SCS, will enable this project to proceed.