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

Take action as the Board of Supervisors and as the Mariposa County Water Agency to pass and adopt the attached resolution in recognition of the celebration of the 25th anniversary of the New Exchequer Dam.

The resolution will be presented at the anniversary celebration.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:

Merced Irrigation District has invited the Board members to attend this event and the Board's agenda for April 27th has been adjusted accordingly.

LIST ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:
1) Approve.
2) Do not approve and resolution would not be presented.
MARIPOSA COUNTY RESOLUTION NO. 93-229
AND
MARIPOSA COUNTY WATER AGENCY RESOLUTION NO. 93-4
IN RECOGNITION
OF THE CELEBRATION OF THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY
OF THE NEW EXCHEQUER DAM

WHEREAS, the construction of the New Exchequer Dam began in 1964 and was completed and began full operation in July of 1967; and

WHEREAS, the construction of the New Exchequer Dam increased Lake McClure's capacity from 281,200 acre feet of water to 1,024,600 feet by rising 165 feet higher than the old dam; and

WHEREAS, the New Exchequer Dam excels in providing flood control for the Central California area, as shown in 1986 when the nearly empty reservoir was almost filled to capacity by rains and mountain runoff within one year; and

WHEREAS, the New Exchequer, along with McSwain Dam, motivated the establishment of the Merced Irrigation District Parks and Recreation Division; and

WHEREAS, the reservoirs created by the dams provide excellent recreational facilities for public enjoyment, at reasonable entrance fees, with patrols to ensure the safety of visitors.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mariposa County Board of Supervisors, and Board of Directors of the Mariposa County Water Agency, hereby recognize the new Exchequer Dam on its 25th Anniversary.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Mariposa County Board of Supervisors and Board of Directors of the Mariposa County Water Agency, this 20th day of April, 1993, by unanimous vote.

ARTHUR G. BAGGETT, JR., Dist. I
GARRY R. PARKER, Dist. IV

DOUG BALMAIN, Dist. II
GERTRUDE R. TABER, Dist. V

ERIC J. ERICKSON, Dist. III