DEPARTMENT: Public Health  
BY: Charles B. Mosher, MD, Health Officer  
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RECOMMENDED ACTION AND JUSTIFICATION: (Policy Item: Yes___ No_x__)  

Recommend resolution authorizing Health Officer to negotiate with Tuolumne County Air Pollution Control District to perform comprehensive review and evaluation of the Air Pollution Program in Mariposa County. Since the resignation of the Air Pollution Control Officer, the Health Officer has, while performing those functions, become aware of some aspects of the Air Pollution Control Program which need further attention. There may be other such items within the realm of air pollution of which the Health Officer is not yet aware.

The most efficient mechanism to get a solid base of information about where we stand with respect to the Air Pollution Program at this time would be a comprehensive review of our files by another Air Pollution Control District of a similar size and geography. That knowledge would help us with further decisions we need to make about the future of the Air Pollution Control Program in this County.

See attached memo for further discussion.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:

N/A

LIST ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

1. Direct the Health Officer to ask State Air Resources Board to conduct such a review (not recommended).
2. Do not perform such a review.
3. Hire a commercial Air Pollution consulting firm to perform such a review (not recommended – would be more expensive).

COSTS:  
A. Budgeted current FY $9,192  
B. Total anticipated costs $1,500  
C. Required additional funding $0  
D. Internal transfers $  

SOURCE:  
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:

CLERK’S USE ONLY:  
Res. No.: 93-285  
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:  
This item on agenda as:  
☑ Recommended  
☐ Not Recommended  
☐ For Policy Determination  
☐ Submitted with Comment  
☐ Returned for Further Action

Comment:  

A.O. Initials:  

Action Form Revised 5/92
MARIPOSA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

MINUTE ORDER

TO: DR. MOSHER, COUNTY HEALTH OFFICER
FROM: MARGIE WILLIAMS, CLERK OF THE BOARD
RE: AIR POLLUTION PROGRAM

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MARIPOSA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

ADOPTED THIS Order on May 18, 1993

ACTION AND VOTE:

10:00 a.m. Dr. Mosher, County Health Officer;
A) Resolution Authorizing Health Officer to Negotiate with Tuolumne County Air Pollution Control District to Perform a Comprehensive Review and Evaluation of the Air Pollution Program for Mariposa County
BOARD ACTION: (M)Baggett, (S)Balmain, Res. 93-285 adopted authorizing Health Officer to negotiate with Tuolumne County APCD or other similar districts in terms of geography and impacts/ Ayes: Baggett, Balmain, Erickson, Parker; Abstained: Taber.

cc: File
May 10, 1993

TO : Board of Supervisors

FROM : Charles B. Mosher, MD, Health Officer

SUBJECT: Organization of Air Pollution Program

There are local (Air Pollution Control District) Rules and Regulations we need to enforce, complaints that need investigation, and State level mandates we must respond to. A few examples of all these include:

1. Issuing Burn Permits.
2. Issuing Air Pollution Permits.
3. Reviewing Planning projects for Air Pollution impact.
4. Investigating complaints and responding to them.
5. Inspecting permitted operations.
7. Developing a mechanism to collect State-mandated fees.

In the absence of an Air Pollution Control Officer to do these activities, these are my thoughts on how to approach the work:

1. In the short run (until FY 1993-1994 budget in place):
   A. Obtain a comprehensive evaluation of the Air Pollution Program (recommend Tuolumne County APCD).
   B. Health Officer to oversee policy issues including ozone non-attainment.
C. Contract with either Tuolumne County or a consulting firm to do routine work in Air Pollution

    - OR -

Create another REHS (Sanitarian) position with salary savings from vacant APCO and Sanitarian Aide (Nommie's) position. Then train all Sanitarians in Air Pollution so each professional level Sanitarian can do all the programs in the Health Department's Environmental area.

D. If workload at Planning Department remains low, have a Planner assigned to Air Pollution activities and offset revenue shortfalls in Planning with generated Air Pollution revenue.

E. Transfer Hazardous Materials Business Plan Program to County Fire Department.

2. Long run:

A. Explore developing a regional Air Pollution structure via JPA

    - OR -

B. Explore turning over Air Pollution Program to the State

    - OR -

C. Keep Air Pollution Program local under Department Head supervision with REHS doing field work.