RECOMMENDED ACTION AND JUSTIFICATION:  (Policy Item:  Yes   No _x_)  
Resolution Approving Letter to Federal Communication Commission  
Protesting the Change in Transmission Power Levels

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:
It was brought to County's attention through the National Association of Engineers that a new regulation proposed by the FCC will have a detrimental and possibly disastrous effect on local governments, especially their communications by radio. The attached memoranda from the Public Works Interim Director and Sheriff Commander recommend that the County send a letter to the FCC protesting the change in the transmission power levels. These changes could result in significant costs to the County to make the required adjustments. Although some mobile equipment can be reprogrammed, the County has equipment that would require replacement parts or full replacement.

LIST ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:
1. Adopt this resolution and authorize the letter to the FCC; the County will have voiced its protest.
2. Do not adopt this resolution. The FCC will not have the benefit of the County's opinion in the matter and the regulations may be adopted at an expense to the County.

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:  $

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:  

The foregoing instrument is a correct copy of the original on file in this office.

Res. No.:  93-324  
Vote - Ayes:  5  
Absents:  0  
Noes:  

Date:  Attest: MARGIE WILLIAMS, Clerk of the Board  
County of Mariposa, State of California  

By:  Deputy  

Action Form Revised 5/92
Federal Communication Commission  
Public Affairs, Consumer Assistance, and Information  
1919 M Street, N.W.  
Washington, D. C. 20554

Re: Replacement of Part 90 by Part 88 to Revise the Private Land Mobile Radio Services and Modify the Policies Governing Them  
PR Docket 92-235

Honorable Members of the Commission:

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Mariposa has concerns about the adoption of regulations relative to the effect of the proposed rule changes on the County's communication systems.

The proposal as presented would have a very detrimental effect on the radio systems of Mariposa County and would be very costly, if not impossible, to implement. The Board of Supervisors recognizes the need to reframe the spectrum and the advances in technology which make this a feasible approach. However, attention must be given to avoid undue financial hardship on public safety agencies. Rules which would reduce the capability of any agency's radio systems to provide the necessary coverage should not be adopted.

Thank you for your attention to the concerns of this County and its public safety systems.

Respectfully submitted,

Eric J. Erickson  
Chairman