Recommend resolution authorizing Chairman to sign the "Declaration of Intent" to contract with Department of Health Services for Public Health Services for FY 1993-1994. The Health Officer believes it is still in the best interest of the County to continue contracting for some of the professional public health services through FY 1993-1994 for these reasons: (1) Sudden disruption of personnel is not in the County's best interest; (2) State may be "at risk" for costs if revenue falls short; (3) Laboratory services are covered at no cost to the County; (4) The bulk of the liability remains with the State; (5) The Board can terminate the Contract at any time by simply not paying the invoices. Recommend resolution authorizing Health Officer to advise the State that the County of Mariposa may opt to convert one of the two State Environmental Health Specialist positions to a County position ("cash out") on January 1, 1994, or sooner, should it become vacant. Health Officer may recommend converting one of the two State Sanitarian positions to a County position during the coming fiscal year. One of the two current State-employed Sanitarians wishes to be relocated to employment closer to his home, therefore, that position is not stable for the long term due to employee personal reasons. Health Officer, in concert with the Board, is in the process of studying a reorganization of the Environmental Health Program. Converting a State REHS position to a County REHS position will provide increased flexibility for that reorganization.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:
The Board signed the "Declaration of Intent" for FY 1992-1993 (Resolution 92-289).

LIST ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:
Do not sign "Declaration of Intent" and begin an immediate and sweeping conversion to hiring of County staff (not recommended).