RESOLUTION - ACTION REQUESTED 2017-96

MEETING: February 28, 2017

TO: The Board of Supervisors

FROM: Sarah Williams, Planning Director

RE: PAC Recognition of Service (Ag Advisory Committee)

RECOMMENDATION AND JUSTIFICATION:
Approve a Resolution Recognizing Dennis Bunning for His 40+ Years of Service to the County Serving on the Agricultural Exclusive Committee, Agritourism Committee and the Agricultural Advisory Committee.

It is customary for the Board of Supervisors to acknowledge a community member for their long-standing service to the County.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:
Mr. Bunning was originally appointed to be the Farm Bureau representation on the Agricultural Exclusive Committee in the mid-1970s. When that committee work was completed the Agricultural Advisory Committee was started and Mr. Bunning served on that committee until his recent resignation on January 31, 2017. Mr. Bunning also served on the Agritourism Committee.

ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:
None

ATTACHMENTS:
2017 Reso Dennis Bunning Final (DOC)

CAO RECOMMENDATION

Dallin Kimble
Dallin Kimble, Interim CAO  2/21/2017
RESULT: ADOPTED BY CONSENT VOTE [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Merlin Jones, District II Supervisor
SECONDER: Rosemarie Smallcombe, District I Supervisor
AYES: Miles Menetrey, Rosemarie Smallcombe, Merlin Jones, Marshall Long
EXCUSED: Kevin Cann
MARIPOSA COUNTY RESOLUTION NUMBER 2017-96

A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING DENNIS BUNNING
FOR HIS OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO THE COUNTY OF MARIPOSA

WHEREAS, DENNIS BUNNING was appointed to the Mariposa County Agricultural Exclusive Committee by the Board of Supervisors in the early 1970s as the Mariposa County Farm Bureau representative, and

WHEREAS, at the time of its inception, the Agricultural Exclusive Committee was tasked with reviewing and recommending properties to be included into the Agricultural Exclusive Zone, recommending policies to implement the Williamson Act in Mariposa County, and recommending action on Williamson Act applications; and

WHEREAS, DENNIS served on the Agricultural Exclusive Committee until 1978, when the Board of Supervisors adopted Ordinance No. 475 establishing the Agricultural Advisory Committee; and

WHEREAS, DENNIS was appointed to the newly named Agricultural Advisory Committee by the Board of Supervisors and continued to serve as a member until his resignation in January 2017; and

WHEREAS, DENNIS was also appointed to serve on the Agriculture Tourism Advisory Committee in 2009, representing the Mariposa County Farm Bureau. This committee developed a draft County Code text amendment, to include specific provisions and development standards for agritourism uses within the Agriculture Exclusive Zone; and

WHEREAS, DENNIS always took great pride in carrying out the numerous tasks and responsibilities of being an advisory committee member and he served as the Chair of the Agricultural Advisory Committee for the majority of his service; and

WHEREAS, while on the Agricultural Advisory Committee, DENNIS provided invaluable input and helped to make critical decisions and recommendations on numerous items involving agriculture that came before the committee including but not limited to: General Plan and Zoning Amendments, New Williamson Act Contracts, Modified Williamson Act Contracts and Cancellations, Amended Policies for Implementation of the Williamson Act in Mariposa County, the 2006 General Plan Ag-Working Landscape Land Use and Agriculture Element, as well as innumerable policy determinations and recommendations to the Board of Supervisors on the matters of importance to the agricultural community and agricultural industry; and

WHEREAS, DENNIS' agricultural expertise, knowledge of the county, straight forward approach, confidence, and institutional knowledge helped with engaging the public, applicants and staff in finding solutions to agricultural issues while adding common sense, consistency and fairness to all meetings; and

WHEREAS, in addition to serving on these county advisory committees for Mariposa County, DENNIS has been an avid supporter of other agricultural organizations including the Mariposa FFA, the Mariposa County Farm Bureau and the California Farm Bureau.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mariposa County Board of Supervisors, a political subdivision of the State of California, that DENNIS BUNNING is hereby recognized for his dedicated and outstanding voluntary service to Mariposa County for over forty (40) years. DENNIS' leadership and active involvement in the Agricultural Advisory Committee will be missed.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Mariposa County Board of Supervisors this 28th day of February, 2017, by unanimous vote.

ROSEMARIE SMALLOMEE, District I Supervisor

KEVIN CANN, District IV Supervisor

MERLIN JONES, District II Supervisor

MILES MENETREY, District V Supervisor

MARSHALL LONG, District III Supervisor