RECOMMENDED ACTION AND JUSTIFICATION: (Policy Item: Yes___ No X)

Approve a loan from the Water Agency to the County in the amount of $30,500 to complete the closure of Septage Pond "A" at the County Landfill. Revenue considerations to repay the loan would be delayed until the final budget and fee hearings for the Solid Waste Enterprise Budget.

The California Integrated Waste Management Board and Regional Water Quality Control Board have mandated that final closure occur before October 1, 1992. This Board of Supervisors' action is necessary because of the Stated-caused delay in adoption of the 92/93 County Budget wherein this cost has been identified. Considerable expense has already been incurred for the closure and substantial additional costs will result if the project is delayed past October 1.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:

Estimated closure costs were included in the 91/92 Budget. Closure had to be delayed due to a revenue shortfall in Solid Waste and discovery of chlordane contamination in the septage pond. Staff has spent considerable time, effort and money to clean up the contamination and dispose of the liquid portion of the septage. The remaining sludge must now be properly dried and disposed of in the landfill in accordance with strict guidelines approved by the State and County Health Department. This must proceed immediately to avoid winter rains and the State deadline.

LIST ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

1. Provide funding from General Fund Reserves as this is a one-time expenditure related to the County-wide septage disposal problem and not directly associated with the Solid Waste Enterprise.

2. No Action. Project would likely be delayed until next summer at an increased cost due to accumulated rainwater over this winter. Fines from the State would be a possibility.
MARIPOSA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

MINUTE ORDER

TO:       LARRY POLLARD, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR
FROM:     MARGIE WILLIAMS, CLERK OF THE BOARD
RE:       PROPOSED WATER AGENCY LOAN FOR CLOSURE
          OF SEPTAGE POND A AT LANDFILL

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MARIPOSA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA
ADOPTED THIS Order on August 25, 1992

ACTION AND VOTE:

9:54 a.m. Larry Pollard, Public Works Director;
C) Resolution Approving Expenditure from Proposed
FY 1992-93 Solid Waste Enterprise Budget to Close
Septage Pond A at Landfill with Interim Loan from Water
Agency ($30,500); and D) Resolution Approving Loan
from Water Agency to Don Pedro Sewer Zone to Complete
Interim Improvements Required by California Regional
Water Quality Control Board ($8,500)
BOARD ACTION: (M)Baggett, (S)Radanovich, requests were
referred to Water Agency Advisory Board for review and
recommendation/Ayes: Unanimous.

cc: Health
    Auditor
    File