RESOLUTION - ACTION REQUESTED 2017-335

MEETING: June 6, 2017

TO: The Board of Supervisors

FROM: Dallin Kimble, County Administrative Officer

RE: Letter of Support for AB 907

RECOMMENDATION AND JUSTIFICATION:
Approve a Letter of Support for Assembly Bill 907, Which Would Create an Office of Outdoor Recreation and Public Lands in the Governor’s Office of Business and Economic Development; and Authorize the Board of Supervisors Chair to Sign the Letter.

Establishing an Office of Outdoor Recreation and Public Lands would provide an opportunity to bring industry, recreation and tourism leaders together to find new and innovative ways to keep our California recreation and tourism industries thriving and relevant.

Please see the attached letter and bill language for additional information.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:
The Board has approved letters supporting legislation that will benefit the County.

ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:
Do not approve the letter. Individual members of the Board may write their own letters of support as desired.

ATTACHMENTS:
AB 907_County of Mariposa_Support (DOCX)
AB907 Text (PDF)

CAO RECOMMENDATION
Requested Action Recommended

Dallin Kimble, County Administrative Officer 5/31/2017
RESULT: ADOPTED BY CONSENT VOTE [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Kevin Cann, District IV Supervisor
SECONDER: Merlin Jones, District II Supervisor
AYES: Smallcombe, Jones, Long, Cann, Menetrey
June 6, 2017

The Honorable Eduardo Garcia  
California State Assembly  
State Capitol  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: AB 907 (E. Garcia) – Office of Outdoor Recreation and Public Lands Enhancement  
NOTICE OF SUPPORT

Dear Assembly Member Garcia:

On behalf of the Mariposa County Board of Supervisors, I want to express our support for Assembly Bill (AB) 907. This bill would create an Office of Outdoor Recreation and Public Lands in the Governor’s Office of Business and Economic Development.

California has a tremendous wealth of public lands, parks, and open spaces that make outdoor recreation possible and world-class in our state. Economically, outdoor recreation generates over $85 billion in annual consumer spending and creates more than 730,000 direct jobs in the state. The scenic imagery of our state; towering redwoods, crashing waves, and Joshua Trees, are inspiration for outdoor recreation pursuits of backpacking, swimming and surfing, or hiking and rock-climbing in these iconic destinations.

Mariposa County’s natural resources provide ample opportunities for residents and visitors to enjoy the outdoors. Tourism provides the economic foundation for the County of Mariposa, including income, jobs and public services.

While there are multiple agencies, departments and commissions that have a relationship or interaction with the outdoor recreation industry, there is no one body that is charged with helping coordinate and grow this important economic sector and ensuring its continued important linkages to the health, recreation, and education goals of the state. Establishing a new Office of Outdoor Recreation and Public Lands Enhancement offers the opportunity to bring together industry leaders and recreation providers to find new ways to keep the recreation industry thriving and innovating in California.

The County appreciates your efforts to help with recreation in Mariposa County. Please let me know if there is additional information we can provide to assist with AB 907.

Sincerely,

Marshall Long  
Mariposa County Board of Supervisors, Chair

cc: Senator Tom Berryhill, 8th District  
Assembly Member Frank Bigelow, 5th District