RESOLUTION - ACTION REQUESTED 2017-336

MEETING: June 6, 2017

TO: The Board of Supervisors

FROM: Dallin Kimble, County Administrative Officer

RE: Letter of Support for National Park Service Investment

RECOMMENDATION AND JUSTIFICATION:
Approve a Letter of Support for National Park Service Investment; and Authorize the Board of Supervisors Chair to Sign the Letter.

Our National Parks are a great investment, not only for Mariposa County but nationwide. There is currently a $12 Billion repair backlog with $560 million of that in Yosemite National Park alone. In our county we understand that a healthy and sustainable tourism economy requires that our National Parks, including their roads, bridges, trails and infrastructure are safe and well maintained.

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:
NPS Investment Letter of Support to Feinstein (DOCX)

CAO RECOMMENDATION
Requested Action Recommended

Dallin Kimble
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
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MARIPOSA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MINUTE ORDER

TO: DALLIN KIMBLE/County Administrative Officer
FROM: RENÉ LaROCHE, Clerk of the Board
SUBJECT: Approve a Letter of Support for National Park Service Investment; and Authorize the Board of Supervisors Chair to Sign the Letter
Resolution: 17-336

The following action was taken by the Mariposa County Board of Supervisors on June 6, 2017:

CA7. Administration   RES-2017-336
Approve a Letter of Support for National Park Service Investment; and Authorize the Board of Supervisors Chair to Sign the Letter

Michael Martin/Merced River Conservation Committee member urged the passage of CA6 during public comment.

DIRECTION: The Clerk of the Board is to send a copy of the letter in CA7 to the Acting Superintendent of Yosemite National Park.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Kevin Cann, District IV Supervisor
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June 6, 2017

The Honorable Dianne Feinstein  
United States Senate  
331 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

Re: Support for National Park Service Investment

Dear Senator Feinstein:

On behalf of the Mariposa County Board of Supervisors, I am writing to express our support for much-needed and overdue investments in National Park Service roads, trails, historic structures and other facilities. The National Park Service faces a $12 billion repair backlog, of which $560 million is within Yosemite National Park.

The County of Mariposa keenly understands that a healthy, sustainable tourism economy for our communities and businesses requires that our national parks, including their roads, bridges, trails and infrastructure are safe and well-maintained. Unfortunately, visitor-serving repairs at Yosemite lag behind.

More than half of this $12 billion repair backlog in the national parks is comprised of park transportation systems (e.g. roads, bridges, tunnels, trails and shuttles). The remaining repair backlog is composed of park visitor centers, ranger housing, water systems, historic sites and more. One-third of the projects must be completed in the near-term to avoid irreparable damage.

Our national parks are a great investment for Mariposa County and our country. For every dollar invested by the federal government in the National Park Service, $10 is returned to the American economy. Continued visitation to Yosemite is a critical contribution to our regional economy.

We look forward to working with you and other members of Congress and the Administration in support of actions to provide major investments through annual funding and dedicated funding that addresses the national park repair backlog, so our nation’s treasures continue to offer visitors safe and enjoyable experiences.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Marshall Long  
Mariposa County Board of Supervisors, Chair

Cc. Senator Kamala Harris Senator  
Congressman Tom McClintock  
Acting Superintendent Chip Jenkins, Yosemite National Park

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