MARIPOSA COUNTY RESOLUTION NO. 88- 259

A RESOLUTION OF INTENTION TO FORM COUNTYWIDE SERVICE AREA NO. 1

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Mariposa as follows:

WHEREAS, the County of Mariposa desires to take final action pursuant to the Cortese-Know Local Government Reorganization Act of 1985, Division 3, commencing with Section 56000 of the California Government Code as amended, and Chapter 2.2, Part 2, Division 2, of Title 3 of the Government Code, for the formation of a Countywide Service Area; and

WHEREAS, the territory to be included is inhabited, and the boundaries of Mariposa County, a political entity of the State of California; and

WHEREAS, this proposal includes a request to establish a sphere of influence boundary coterminous with the boundaries of the service area and environmental review; and

WHEREAS, the terms, conditions and reasons for this proposal are expressed in the policy statement which is attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and adopted as a part of this proposal;

NOW, THEREFORE, this Resolution of Intention is hereby adopted and approved by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Mariposa according to the terms and conditions stated above and in the manner provided by the Cortese-Knox Local Government Reorganization Act of 1985.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors will hold a public hearing on July 12, 1988, at 11:00 a.m. in their chambers at the County Courthouse in Mariposa to consider formation of the Countywide County Service Area. A notice of the hearing shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Mariposa County Board of Supervisors this 24th day of May , 1988 by the following vote:
AYES: BAGGETT, DALTON, ERICKSON, RADANOVICH

NOES: NONE

ABSTAINED: NONE

EXCUSED: TABER

ERIE J. ERICKSON, Chairman
Mariposa County Board of Supervisors

MARGIE WILLIAMS, Clerk of the Board

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY

JEFFREY G. GREEN, County Counsel
EXHIBIT "A"

STATEMENT OF INTENT AND POLICY,
PROPOSED COUNTYWIDE SERVICE AREA

Background

The Mariposa County Board of Supervisors, by this Resolution, has initiated proceedings to create a Countywide Service Area and has submitted a proposal to the Local Agency Formation Commission for consideration. A Countywide Service Area is needed to serve areas of the County where there is interest in benefitting from extended services not now provided by the County and where there is a willingness to pay for such services locally. A Countywide Service Area will also give the County greater latitude in serving the present needs of its citizens by providing a mechanism for establishing subsequent zones of benefit and/or improvement districts.

It is the purpose of this document to clarify the Board's intent with reference to a Countywide Service Area. However, not all of the issues and concerns can be dealt with at this time since the formation of a Countywide Service Area is a first step. Specific questions as to financing costs, and apportionments, etc. will have to be answered on a case-by-case basis as projects are proposed and benefit zones or improvement districts are created.

Description

A Countywide Service Area, governed by the Board of Supervisors, will include all unincorporated territory of the County. This approach has been taken to avoid the necessity of creating separate County Service Areas with the attendant delays and administrative overhead each time a new problem is identified which needs attention. Inclusion of property within a Countywide Service Area places no additional financial obligation on that property unless and until a benefit zone or improvement district is formed. Such zones will not be formed without public hearings and only then with the concurrence of a majority of the members of the Board of Supervisors.

This Board sees no conflict between the Countywide Service Area concept and existing County plans and policies since no improvements will be proposed by the Countywide Service Area that are not consistent with the County General Plan. It is also not the intention of this Board to compete with existing special districts in provision of services. If special districts are capable of providing a service, this Board considers that the preferred alternative, however, situations will arise when existing service providers are not able to meet all the demands within their area of interest or may not be empowered to meet those demands. In such instances, it is the intent of this Board of Supervisors to work cooperatively with such special districts to meet that service need.
Formation of a Countywide County Service Area will not replace existing special districts nor impede the formation or expansion of special districts should local communities choose to provide services in that fashion. In addition, it will not interfere with a district's ability to annex territory.

The services to be provided by the Countywide County Service Area are all those described by Government Code Section 25210.4 and 25210.4a including but not limited to the following: water service, sewer service, fire protection, street and highway sweeping, street and highway lighting, refuse collection, garbage collection, ambulance service, area planning, soil conservation and drainage control, animal control, transportation services, cemeteries, and geologic hazard abatement.

The described services are of such scope and nature that residents anywhere within the unincorporated area may benefit from such services. It is this Board's intention, however, to concentrate on basic services in areas of existing unmet need.

Policy:

It shall be the policy of the Mariposa County Board of Supervisors to support formation of a Countywide County Service Area and subsequent zones of benefit in order to provide needed services with a minimum amount of administrative overhead and delay. A Countywide County Service Area will not replace or duplicate the effort of special districts which are capable and willing to provide services the Countywide County Service Area may be empowered to provide. All actions undertaken by the Countywide County Service Area shall be consistent with the County General Plan and other established plans and policies. The Countywide County Service Area shall focus on benefiting those areas with critical need which have found themselves without an adequate mechanism for dealing with identified health and safety concerns and shall not detract from the ability of existing service providers to carry out their responsibilities.