RESOLUTION - ACTION REQUESTED 2017-720

MEETING: October 17, 2017

TO: The Board of Supervisors

FROM: Dallin Kimble, County Administrative Officer

RE: Approve Agreement with AmeriCorps

RECOMMENDATION AND JUSTIFICATION:
Approve an Agreement Between the Corporation for National and Community Service (AmeriCorps) and Mariposa County for Service Project 201801-126 Under Which AmeriCorps Will Send a Team of Volunteers to Mariposa County for a Period of Approximately Seven Weeks to Assist with Mariposa's Recovery from the Detwiler Fire and Authorize the Board of Supervisors Chair to Sign the Agreement.

Mariposa County submitted an application to the Corporation for National and Community Service (AmeriCorps) on August 22, 2017, requesting that AmeriCorps send a team of volunteers to Mariposa to assist the County with Detwiler Fire recovery projects. After further conversations, AmeriCorps has indicated strong interest in assigning a team as requested.

The AmeriCorps team is expected to assist primarily with erosion mitigations efforts on private and public land. They may also help with removal of burned fences and other debris, invasive weed removal and trail restoration on Bureau of Land Management land. Other projects include 2 or 3 days helping to construct the next Habitat for Humanity home, a Mariposa (town) facelift and support for the Arts Council's F/STOP program. During inclement weather they will also assist with maintenance projects at the Fairgrounds.

AmeriCorps has tentatively assigned a Fire Prevention Team consisting of 10 members who range between 18 and 24 years of age. The team plans to arrive on November 6, 2017 and leave on December 21, 2017. The team will reside at the Outward Bound Camp in Midpines during their stay. Most of their work will be under the direction of the Mariposa County Resource Conservation District and the local Bureau of Land Management Ranger. Other organizations, such as Mariposa Habitat for Humanity, will train and oversee other specific project activities.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:
The Detwiler Fire started July 16, 2017, and affected more than 81,000 acres over a three-week period. This item is one potential piece of the recovery effort.

ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:
Do not approve the Agreement and the County will not receive the benefit of having
these volunteers work on Detwiler Fire Recovery projects.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:**
No County funds are required for this agreement.

**ATTACHMENTS:**
201801-126 Mariposa County Sponsor Agreement R1  (PDF)
Referenced Project Application (PDF)

**RESULT:** ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
**MOVER:** Merlin Jones, District II Supervisor
**SECONDER:** Kevin Cann, District IV Supervisor
**AYES:** Smallcombe, Jones, Long, Cann, Menetrey