RESOLUTION - ACTION REQUESTED 2017-757

MEETING: November 7, 2017

TO: The Board of Supervisors

FROM: Mike Healy, Public Works Director

RE: Mariposa Facelift Project Authorization

RECOMMENDATION AND JUSTIFICATION:
Authorize the Public Works Department to train, assist, and support AmeriCorps NCCC Volunteers in the performance of the Board approved Mariposa Town Facelift Project.

On October 17, 2017, the Board ratified an application to AmeriCorps for area projects (Resolution 17-719). On the same date, the Board also approved the contract with AmeriCorps (Resolution 17-720) which outlined several area projects, including the Mariposa Town Facelift project.

The volunteer-led Mariposa Town Facelift project, which is supported by the Mariposa Business Association, the Chamber of Commerce, and the Visitors' Center, is meant to help improve the appearance of the town of Mariposa and to lift the spirits of residents and visitors, alike. This Facelift effort will be focused on reviving the Butterfly Wall, cleaning up the area around the Visitors' Sign, and weed eating along some of the main streets in town. However, the Mariposa volunteers are requesting that Public Works provide some support for the effort. This is not an unusual type of request as the Board traditionally allows staff to support efforts that bring enrichment to Mariposa County, as they did with the Great Sierra River Cleanup which utilized County staff members to organize, assist with, and clean up after, the event.

With the Mariposa Town Facelift project, an example of the type of Public Works support anticipated is the training of the NCCC volunteers on how to use weed eaters, as well as providing a couple of weed eaters for their use. Public Works support might also involve providing a truck to remove vegetative material. It is anticipated that the maximum total time that Public Works might spend on these efforts would be two days of effort. Consequently, Public Works is now requesting authorization from the Board to so assist the effort.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:
The Board ratified the AmeriCorps application, as well as approved the agreement with
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AmeriCorps, at the October 17, 2017 meeting.

ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:
Do not approve and the town of Mariposa might not experience the full benefits of the services permissible under the AmeriCorps project/contract.

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