MARIPOSA COUNTY RESOLUTION NO. 84-315

ESTABLISHING THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF MARIPOSA COUNTY FIRE WARDEN

WHEREAS, on or about the 20th day of March, 1978, the Mariposa County Board of Supervisors adopted Resolution No. 78-56, which established a policy resolution on duties of Mariposa County Fire Warden, documented a Mariposa County Fire Plan, and established a Memorandum of Understanding between the County of Mariposa, Mariposa County Volunteer Fire Companies, and Mariposa County's Fire Warden; and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 78-56 was never implemented by appropriate follow-up documentation; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of Mariposa County desires to rescind Resolution No. 78-56 and to adopt a policy resolution on the duties and responsibilities of the Mariposa County Fire Warden. (For purposes of this resolution, the Mariposa Public Utility District shall not be included in the definition of Mariposa County Volunteer Fire Companies).

The Board of Supervisors of Mariposa County, a political subdivision of the State of California hereby resolves to adopt this policy resolution creating the duties and responsibilities of the Mariposa County Fire Warden.

INTRODUCTION AND BASIC POLICY STATEMENT:
The County of Mariposa provides, through the
Volunteer Fire Companies, fire protection to the unincorporated areas of Mariposa County. The County provides for this basic protection through certain specified support of Volunteer Fire Companies within the County. The County support provided these Companies is contingent on certain specified local support for the Volunteer Fire Companies.

VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANIES

The Volunteer Fire Companies are organized Volunteer Companies in the County of Mariposa, which provide fire protection service to areas within the County. These Companies receive support from the County, and from local fund raising. Each Volunteer Fire Company has an elected Chief who commands the Company and who operates under the overall coordination and direction of the County Fire Warden. A complete list of the Volunteer Fire Companies existing in Mariposa County is on file with the County Clerk's Office.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF COUNTY FIRE WARDEN:

The County Fire Warden shall be appointed by the Board of Supervisors by separate resolution. The County Fire Warden is responsible for supervising and coordinating all
Volunteer Fire Companies in fire suppression activities, training, budgeting, assigning equipment, purchasing and filing claims for County funds, receiving reports, and inspection of County-owned fire apparatus and equipment, developing and periodically updating the Mariposa County Fire Companies' Fire Plan.

Other duties of the Fire Warden are as follows:

A. Implement all policies of the Board of Supervisors pertaining to Volunteer Fire Companies that receive financial support from the County.

B. Regular inspection of all County-owned equipment assigned to the various Volunteer Fire Companies to determine the operational adequacy of the vehicles and equipment.

C. Responsibility for assuring that adequate training programs are instituted on a regular basis for all Companies that participate in the fire program.

D. Recommending and establishing a comprehensive communication system between all Companies and a central dispatch.

E. Recommending on the adequacy of housing of all fire fighting equipment.

F. Developing proposed County Fire Protection budget and approve or disapprove expenditures from the County Fire Protection budget as adopted by the Board of Supervisors.
of the County of Mariposa.

G. Directing and coordinating the efforts of all Volunteer Fire Companies on major fire operations in the unincorporated areas.

H. Design and submission for approval to the Mariposa County Board of Supervisors of a long range Fire Protection Plan, which shall include the definition of "basic equipment complement" which will be used by each Company and that will ultimately provide the County with the best possible fire protection at the most cost-effective means to the County.

I. Review and recommend to the Mariposa County Planning Commission and the Mariposa County Board of Supervisors all fire defense system proposals pursuant to Mariposa County ordinances, resolutions, regulations, and policies.

J. Conducting inspections of the Volunteer Fire Company equipment and facilities, as necessary. He will file at least one annual written inspection report on each Volunteer Fire Company with the Mariposa County Board of Supervisors, on or before April 1st of each year.

K. Responsibility for recommending and presenting to the Board of Supervisors budgeting, official correspondence and operating problems of the Volunteer Fire Companies. The Fire Warden will forward all preliminary budgets through the County Administration for Board approval. Fire Warden shall cooperate with the Volunteer Fire Companies in preparing the annual budget.

L. Responsibility for negotiating Mutual Aid
Agreements for fire protection between Mariposa County and counties which lie contiguous to Mariposa County. No Mutual Aid Agreement negotiated hereunder shall become effective without prior approval by the Mariposa County Board of Supervisors.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 16th day of October, 1984, by the Board of Supervisors of Mariposa County by the following vote:

AYES: BARRICK, ERICKSON, MOFFITT, TABER

NOES: DALTON

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAINED: NONE

GERTRUDE R. TABER, Chairman
Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

GERALD MC CARTHY, County Clerk and Ex Officio Clerk of the Board

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:

JEFFREY G. GREEN, County Counsel