MARIPOSA COUNTY RESOLUTION NO. 83-131

A RESOLUTION ENCOURAGING THE USE OF PROCEDURES TO FACILITATE PROCESSING PERMITS FOR PROJECTS OF SIGNIFICANT ECONOMIC BENEFIT TO THE COUNTY

WHEREAS, California State Law and County Code mandate procedures for processing development permits; and

WHEREAS, from time to time opportunities arise, and projects are proposed, which could result in significant economic benefit to Mariposa County; and,

WHEREAS, often times these proposals are subject to time constraints,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that due to the significant public benefit which may be expected to result from a proposed project, the Planning Commission recommends that the following "Fast Track" permit procedures be pursued by the County:

A. The Mariposa County Board of Supervisors shall determine when a project proposal has the potential of having a significant public benefit based upon the anticipated long term employment opportunities which are expected to result from the project. Increased tax revenues and other economic benefits may be considered in this determination.

B. When a project proposal is determined to be of significant public benefit, procedures will be followed which will shorten the permit review process such as, but not limited to:

1. PRE-APPLICATION

   a. Meetings with Planning Staff to ensure that all applications involved with the project are submitted in a timely manner.

   b. Meetings with Planning Staff to identify possible environmental impacts of the project which could be addressed in the application material.
2. ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW PHASE
   
a. Environmental Documents prepared on the project as a whole and not on each separate application.
   
b. Special meetings of the Environmental Review-Technical Advisory Committee to review environmental documents.
   
c. Recommendations from the Environmental Review-Technical Advisory Committee forwarded directly to the Agency (Planning Commission or Board of Supervisors) which must make the final environmental determination.
   
d. Request shortened State Clearinghouse review periods for environmental documents on projects considered beneficial.

3. PROJECT REVIEW PHASE
   
a. Combined Public Hearings to consider the entire project at one time, when more than one application is involved.
   
b. Joint Public Hearings with the Planning Commission and the Board of Supervisors for projects that require dual Hearings such as Re-Zonings.
   
c. Priority status given to such projects by the Planning Staff at the direction of the Planning Commission and the Board of Supervisors.

C. Shortened project review procedures shall not be applied to permits which require an amendment to an adopted Specific Plan or to the County General Plan.

D. Shortened project review procedures shall not be interpreted to mean that any provision of State Law or County Code will be waived, set aside, or otherwise made inapplicable.

E. Nothing in this policy shall be interpreted to mean that approval of a project proposal is assured. These procedures are proposed solely for the purpose of shortening the time span between the submission
of a proposal and its approval, conditional approval, or denial.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Mariposa County Board of Supervisors this

3rd day of May, 1983 by the following vote:

AYES:      Taber, Barrick, Erickson, Moffitt, Dalton

NOES:   None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAINED: None

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ERIC J. ERICKSON, Chairman
Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

ELLEN BRONSON, County Clerk
Ex Officio Clerk of the Board

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PATRICIA E. ALBERTA
Clerk of the Board

APPROVED AS TO FORM
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