RESOLUTION - ACTION REQUESTED 2018-540

MEETING: November 13, 2018

TO: The Board of Supervisors

FROM: Mike Healy, Public Works Director

RE: Merry Mountain Christmas Parade

RECOMMENDATION AND JUSTIFICATION:
Authorize the Public Works Director to waive the Encroachment Application fee and sign the Application for a Caltrans Encroachment Permit in Support of Closing Highway 140, Between Jones and Third Street, on December 8, 2018, at 6:00 P.M. for the 21st Annual Merry Mountain Christmas Parade; and Authorize the Board of Supervisors Chair to Sign the Letter of the Board’s Support and Approval.

Designate the Merry Mountain Christmas Parade and the Christmas Tree Lighting events as County-sponsored events. The County accepts a degree of responsibility because the event will be covered by the County’s liability insurance. Although there is no additional cost, if there is a claim it is possible that the County’s insurance premium may be increased.

The Mariposa County Chamber of Commerce has annually coordinated the Merry Mountain Christmas Parade which occurs in downtown Mariposa on Highway 140; and the Mariposa Lions Club has annually coordinated the Christmas Tree Lighting which occurs in front of the Courthouse and also includes a bonfire and a visit with Santa Claus.

The Merry Mountain Christmas events have proven to be a boost for local businesses as they attract visitors to downtown Mariposa, not to mention that these events have become a tradition and are greatly enjoyed by the constituents of the County.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:
Resolution 14-555 was adopted designating the Merry Mountain Christmas Parade and Tree Lighting Ceremony annual County Sponsored events for liability purposes.

The Board has approved this and similar requests in the past.

ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:
Do not approve, the Merry Mountain Christmas Parade would not occur on Highway 140.

ATTACHMENTS:
Chamber Letter (PDF)
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Encroach Permit Ap (PDF)
Encroachment Permit Chamber (PDF)
Highway Patrol Letter (PDF)
X-mas Parade Resolution 2014-555 (PDF)

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