MARIPOSA COUNTY RESOLUTION 79-146

A Resolution adopting an Action Plan for the correction of Mariposa North Septage problems and Stockton Creek Watershed Erosion Problems.

RESOLVED, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Mariposa, State of California, that:

WHEREAS, the Mariposa County Board of Supervisors entered into a "208" cooperative agreement with the State Water Resources Control Board to study Septage and Erosion problems in the Mariposa North and Stockton Creek Watershed Study Areas; and

WHEREAS, a study has been prepared by the consulting firm of Moldenhauer, Bennett and Company and accepted by the County and;

WHEREAS, under the terms of agreement with the State Water Resources Control Board, the County shall adopt an action plan for the correction of problems that have been identified and;

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the County to pursue a program to correct such problems as have been identified in a timely manner within the limits of the resources of the County.

NOW, THEREFORE, this Board hereby determines and orders that the "Action Plan" attached hereto and made a part hereof, is adopted as the Work Program of the County for the initiation of corrective actions in the Mariposa North and Stockton Creek Watershed.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that said Action Plan shall be adopted as the "Action Plan" for the Mariposa "208" Study for incorporation in the Area Wide Waste Treatment Management Plan for the Central Valley Region of the State Water Resources Control Board.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Mariposa this 28th day of August, 1979, by the following vote:
AYES: Dalton, Owings, Weber, Clark, Erickson

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAINED: None

EUGENE P. DALTON, JR., Chairman
Board of Supervisors

APPROVED AS TO FORM

NEIL B. VAN WINKLE
County Counsel/Administrative Assistant to the Board

ATTEST:

JOAN LYNK, Clerk of the Board
MARIPosa COUNTY ACTION PLAN

The purpose of the 208 Water Quality Management Study was to develop a plan to correct identified water quality problems associated with failing individual wastewater disposal systems in the area north of the City of Mariposa and erosion and sedimentation in the Stockton Creek Watershed. The County contracted with consultants to develop recommendations regarding these issues. These recommendations have been considered in formulating the following action plan which will be implemented to meet the objectives of the 208 Water Quality Management Study.

Mariposa North Wastewater Management

The County agrees with the study finding that, in general, the study area soil is too impermeable, shallow or steep for widespread septic system installation. Therefore, the County intends to implement a wastewater management system for the study area involving a combination of a sewer system and limited utilization of septic tank-leach field systems on larger lots in more remote areas. The following steps will be taken:

1. The County will be evaluating Sewer Systems expansion and utility district annexation policies and plans of the Mariposa Public Utility District. These plans and policies will be reviewed from the standpoint of providing sewer services in the Mariposa North Study Area. The following procedures will be pursued:
   a) MPUD will be required, under state law, to submit a sphere of influence boundary for Mariposa.
   b) Specific annexation areas and time frames for annexation will be requested of the district.
c) Expansion of existing treatment facilities will be reviewed by the County, prior to any financial assistance being provided by the County to MPUD, for adequacy to meet user needs of the Mariposa North Area.

2. Define special conditions and procedures wherein use of septic tank-leachfield systems and alternative systems will be allowed, to include consideration of at least the following:
   a) Lot size
   b) Maintenance requirements
   c) Use of dual leach fields
   d) Inspection of each site
   e) Require that percolation tests be run for each site
   f) Specific groundwater determination methods.

3. The County will be reviewing its land use policies County-wide for minimum site area for developments from the standpoint of adequate leach field area.

Stockton Creek Soil Erosion and Sediment

1. Apply the recently adopted grading ordinance to the study area.

2. Form a committee to make recommendations regarding application of additional control measures and corrective actions to problems in the study area.

3. Establish a program for correction of existing problems and prevention of future problems based on committee recommendations (program will be compatible with Regional Water Quality Control Board Erosion Control Guidelines).

4. The current County Grading Ordinance will be reviewed for specific standards in the watershed such as:
   a) Lowered site disturbance thresholds for grading permit requirements.
   b) Revisions of slope, compaction, cross drainage, and other erosion control specifications.
5. Other County regulations that will be reviewed with respect to the watershed area will include:
   a) Road construction requirements for subdivision development.
   b) Use and lot size restrictions through zoning regulations.
   c) More restrictive private septic disposal standards in line with standards developed in the Mariposa North Study Area.

6. Grant Funding Sources will be examined from the standpoint of improving existing Erosion and Siltation in the Watershed.

**Tentative Implementation Schedule**

1. Policies, procedures and regulation review will be undertaken immediately by the Study Committee on the Stockton Creek Watershed with recommendations forwarded, prior to December of 1979, to the Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors. Action will be taken by the Commission and Board in accordance with the Public Hearing requirements of state law.

2. Specific policies, ordinances and regulations governing development in the Mariposa North Study Area will be reviewed and developed by the County prior to December, 1979. Annexation/expansion policies of MPUD will be developed and reviewed through FY 1979-80. Annexation will be keyed to time schedules for MPUD Wastewater Treatment Facility expansion programs. A Step 1, 201 Study has been completed by the district and it is expected that the district will be moving into a design/construction phase in the near future.