RESOLUTION - ACTION REQUESTED 2019-483

MEETING: August 20, 2019

TO: The Board of Supervisors

FROM: Dallin Kimble, County Administrative Officer

RE: Fire Safe Council Agreement

RECOMMENDATION AND JUSTIFICATION:
Approve the Agreement for the Continued Funding of the Mariposa County Fire Safe Council for July 1, 2019, through June 30, 2020, in the Amount of $66,141.00; and Authorize the Board of Supervisors Chair to Sign the Agreement.

The Mariposa County Fire Safe Council works to, “preserve Mariposa County’s natural and manmade resources by mobilizing all Mariposa residents to make their homes, neighborhoods and communities fire safe.” In recent years they have received grants to remove downed trees, combat tree mortality and create defensible space at senior citizen residences. County funds are used to cover administrative costs and expenses not covered by grant funding.

The Mariposa County Fire Safe Council (MCFSC) has historically been funded through the federal Secure Rural Schools (SRS) program. The County is expecting to receive approximately $41,000 through that program in the current fiscal year. In order to maintain a status quo agreements with MCFSC and the SWIFT program, both of which support wildfire prevention efforts that are a priority for the Board, the approved budget also includes $21,277 of General Fund support.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:
The previous agreement was passed with Resolution 2018-626 on December 18, 2018.

ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:
Do not approve the Agreement. MCFSC will need to seek funding from another source or reduce the availability of services.

Eliminate the General Fund contribution to Forest Reserve. Staff will return with a new agreement worth approximately half the historical amount. MCFSC will need to seek funding from another source or reduce the availability of services.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:
Sufficient funding is included in the adopted budget.

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