RESOLUTION - ACTION REQUESTED 2020-32

MEETING: January 21, 2020

TO: The Board of Supervisors

FROM: Dallin Kimble, County Administrative Officer

RE: Verify Acceptance of Mariposa Creek Parkway Properties with Restrictions

RECOMMENDATION AND JUSTIFICATION:
Approve a Letter to California Resource Agency Verifying the County's Willingness to Accept Mariposa Creek Parkway Properties with Deed Restrictions; and Authorize the Board of Supervisors Chair to Sign the Letter.

The attached letter certifies to a prospective granting agency, California Resource Agency, that the County is willing to accept ownership of the stated parcels with conservation and recreation restrictions as terms of a grant agreement. The parcels listed have been colloquially referred to as the "Fiske" and "Hulbert" properties. The grant for which the County is being considered would assist with acquisition of the property as well as some preliminary work to develop recreational and fire safety infrastructure.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:
The Board has routinely approved letters supporting or accepting the terms expected in a grant agreement.

ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:
If the Board does not approve the letter, it will be not be submitted. The grant in question will be much less likely assist with the County's goals for developing the Mariposa Creek Parkway.

ATTACHMENTS:
Abrams Letter  (DOCX)

RESULT: ADOPTED BY CONSENT VOTE [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Rosemarie Smallcombe, District I Supervisor
SECONDER: Merlin Jones, District II Supervisor
AYES: Smallcombe, Jones, Long, Cann, Menetrey
January 21, 2020

Becki Abrams  
Grants Administrator  
California Natural Resources Agency  
1416 9th Street, Suite 1311  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Ownership and Long-Term O&M for Mariposa Creek Parkway Acquisition – PIN 2013

Dear Mrs. Abrams,

This letter serves to inform the California Natural Resources Agency that Mariposa County is willing to accept title to the Mariposa Creek Parkway Acquisition properties (APN 013-130-045; APN 012-140-034, 012-140-039, 012-143-004, 013-130-078, 013-230-053) with deed restrictions and to provide for the long-term operations and maintenance for the uses intended by the grant program.

The existing Mariposa Creek Parkway is owned and managed by Mariposa County. The Sierra Foothill Conservancy has applied for funding through the California Natural Resources Agency’s Green Infrastructure Grant Program in order to acquire property adjacent to the existing parkway. Acquisitions are intended to be transferred to Mariposa County to expand Mariposa Creek Parkway.

Mariposa County is grateful to the Sierra Foothill Conservancy for their work on our behalf and the California Natural Resource Agency for considering funds for a project that will be a treasure for our residents and millions of annual visitors.

Sincerely,

Kevin Cann  
Mariposa County Board of Supervisors, Chair