RESOLUTION - ACTION REQUESTED 2020-236

MEETING: May 5, 2020

TO: The Board of Supervisors

FROM: Dallin Kimble, County Administrative Officer

RE: Mariposa Creek Parkway Land Acquisition - Pfremer Budget Action

RECOMMENDATION AND JUSTIFICATION:

Approve a Budget Action Transferring $740,000 from the Services and Supplies Category to the Fixed Assets Category of the MID Settlement Fund for Potential Land Acquisition.

A transfer of funds within the Merced Irrigation District (MID) Settlement Fund is requested to finance the purchase of nine parcels (APNs 012-340-005, 012-140-062, 012-140-065, 012-140-064, 012-140-017, 012-140-063, 012-140-016, 012-140-022, and 012-140-023) collectively known as the Pfremer Property. The County is currently in escrow on this property, which is essential to plans to expand the Mariposa Creek Parkway, implement a mosaic fuel break and develop a new trail along the rim of the mountain adjacent to the Town of Mariposa. It is anticipated that portions of the property could also be used in the future for additional housing or commercial development. The requested transfer includes sufficient dollars to cover the purchase and any associated costs.

The Mariposa County Strategic Plan directs staff to "increase the number and mileage of publicly accessible trails" (Objective 4.1); "facilitate the development of a range of workforce... housing and neighborhoods" (Objective 5.2); "maintain and improve emergency preparedness" including wildfire prevention measures (Objective 1.1); and "[ensure] sustainable management of natural resources" (Objective 5.1). Maximizing the use of grant funding is also specifically prescribed (Objective 3.3).

It is important to note that the County's first goal in acquisition of this property is to be able to use available grant funds. The County contracted with Sierra Foothill Conservancy in December for this purpose and the Conservancy continues to pursue opportunities. This transfer puts sufficient funds in a capital expense line to complete a purchase if the use of County funds becomes necessary. No General Fund dollars are recommended to be used in the purchase of this property.
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Also noted here is the direction of the Board to return any funds received from a future sale of any portion of the Pfremmer property to the MID Settlement Fund.

Finding this action to be consistent with the Mariposa County Strategic Plan and board direction received to date, staff recommends approval of the requested budget action.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:

Resolution 2019-729 allocated funds from the MID Settlement Fund for Mariposa Creek Parkway land acquisition, a water feasibility study, a master parks and resiliency master plan and parking easements in the town parking district.

Resolution 2019-730 approved an agreement with Sierra Foothill Conservancy to acquire land essential for the construction of the Mariposa Creek Parkway. Identified properties include the Pfremmer property referenced here.

ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:
Do not approve. Staff will need additional information about how the Board would like to proceed.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:
This action moves funds within the MID Settlement Fund to allow for a capital expense. $656,257 is currently unencumbered in the MID Settlement Fund. $83,743 is requested to be allocated from ongoing projects within the Fund. As many of those projects are only just beginning, this allocation is not anticipated to disrupt existing activities. The Board will have an opportunity to return these projects to full funding, if it so chooses, with the adoption of the FY21 budget later this year (when additional funds will be available).

ATTACHMENTS:
Budget Action Form  (PDF)

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Rosemarie Smallcombe, District I Supervisor
SECONDER: Miles Menetrey, District V Supervisor
AYES: Smallcombe, Jones, Long, Cann, Menetrey
**BUDGET ACTION FORM**

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| 001  | 0104-414 | 1090    | GENERAL CONTINGENCY       |         |           |          |

TOTAL $740,000 $740,000

**TRANSFER BETWEEN FUNDS**

| TOTALS | $0 | $0 |

**ACTION REQUESTED:** (Check all that apply)

( ) Budget appropriation by Board of Supervisors (4/5ths Vote Required): Amending the total amount available in the county budget, or in any one fund of the budget, or appropriating Reserve for Contingencies;

(X) Transfer by Board of Supervisors (3/5ths Vote Required): Moving existing appropriations from one budget to another, or between categories within a budget unit;

**JUSTIFICATION:**

DEPT HEAD SIGNATURE: 

APPROVED BY RES NO: 20-23 CLERK

DATE 04/16/2020

DATE 5-14-20

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