RESOLUTION - ACTION REQUESTED 2020-237

MEETING: May 12, 2020

TO: The Board of Supervisors

FROM: Chevon Kothari, Health and Human Services Director

RE: Consider the Attestation by the County Health Officer and Approve the Letter of Support

RECOMMENDATION AND JUSTIFICATION:
Consider the County Health Officer's Attestation of Readiness to Implement Variations to Stage 2 of the Governor's Modification of the Stay at Home Order; and approve a letter of support and authorize the Board Chair to sign the letter.

On Monday, May 4th, the Governor announced his plan to move to Stage 2 of the Roadmap as a state by Friday, May 8th. He indicated that in order for counties to move forward with implementing variations to Stage 2, which allows Mariposa County to open up more businesses, County Health Officer’s would need to submit an attestation to the State, demonstrating a high level of readiness to address the following areas:

* Stabilized or Declining COVID-19 rates and Stability of Hospitalizations
* Testing Capacity
* Containment/Contact Tracing Capacity
* Medical Surge/Hospital Capacity
* Ability to Protect Vulnerable Populations: Skilled Nursing Facilities

In addition, the State is requiring that Boards of Supervisors' and local Hospitals submit letters of support demonstrating concurrence with the County’s readiness. The letter written by JCFHCD will be available for review by the Board at the time of the Board Meeting.

County Health Officer, Dr. Eric Sergienko will give a presentation to the Board of Supervisors and the community regarding the County's readiness to address the required areas, the variations that Mariposa County can implement as a result of this readiness. We will also be delineating some of the steps necessary to prepare businesses and the community to move to Stage 3 of the Roadmap. As described by
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the Governor and State Health Officer, while variation during Stage 2 can occur at the county level, the state as a whole will move forward from Stage 2 to Stage 3. Non-essential travel will not be permitted until Stage 3.

We are currently requesting Board of Supervisors to seek public input at a Board of Supervisor's Meeting, consider the Attestation and sign a letter of support for the County Health Officer’s Attestation.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:
On March 19th, the Governor and the State Public Health Officer issued a statewide Stay at Home Order. A Roadmap to Modifying the Stay at Home Order was shared by the State on April 20th. In response and preparation, Mariposa County, along with Yosemite National Park, Madera County and Tuolumne County engaged in a planning process to create a Yosemite Gateway Area Roadmap and individual County Roadmaps to address the six capability areas outlined by the State. This Roadmap was presented to the Mariposa County Board of Supervisors on April 28th, 2020. This Roadmap was submitted in draft format to the Governor's Office, in response to a time sensitive request, on Friday, May 1st.

The Board and community stakeholders have received multiple reports and updates from County Department Heads and officials regarding the response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Actions were taken to enact resolutions to ratify a Public Health Local Emergency due to the COVID-19 on March 17th, 2020 and to declare a Local Emergency due to the COVID-19 Global Pandemic on March 24th, 2020.

ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:
The Board can choose not to support the County Health Officer’s Attestation and then the County will not move towards variations to Stage 2 of the Roadmap or to relax restrictions on businesses and restaurants in the community. Continued business closures will have an increasingly significant impact on the County’s economy.

ATTACHMENTS:
BOS Letter of Support  (DOCX)
COVID-19 Pandemic_ Mariposa County Roadmap  (PDF)
Combined COVID Attestation Attachments  (PDF)
Viewable Mariposa County Attestation  (PDF)
JCFHCD Letter of Support for Attestation 5-11-20(PDF)
UPDATED - COVID19 Mariposa County Variance Attestation Form  (PDF)

RESULT:  ADOPTE [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:  Marshall Long, District III Supervisor
SECONDER:  Miles Menetrey, District V Supervisor
AYES: Rosemarie Smallcombe, Marshall Long, Kevin Cann, Miles Menetrey
EXCUSED:  Merlin Jones
May 12th, 2020

California Department of Public Health
Attn: Jake Hanson

Re: Approval of Heath Officer Attestation

The Board of Supervisors of Mariposa County would like to voice our appreciation for the Governor and his administration’s handling of the COVID-19 pandemic. The support and resources that have been provided for all counties have gone a long way in helping to keep our community healthy and safe.

The Board of Supervisors has been kept apprised of the pandemic and the response by our County’s Emergency Operations teams and our County Health & Human Services Agency since the pandemic was unfolding in January. On March 10th, the County Board of Supervisors declared a Local Emergency in response to the increasing cases Statewide. The Governor’s subsequent “Stay at Home” Order, issued on March 19th, was adhered to by both the businesses and residents of our County.

We recognize that these measures, although seemingly drastic at the time, were essential to the success of our County in preparing for and addressing the spread of the disease amongst our residents. We did not experience our first case in Mariposa County until April 28th. This afforded us the time to build our necessary capabilities and thoughtfully plan for our Roadmap to reopen.

As our County understands the interconnectedness of other counties and entities, especially Yosemite National Park, we have been doing advanced planning for reopening/recovery as a region, known as the Yosemite Area Gateway Coordination Team, since mid-March.

On Monday, May 4th, the Governor announced his plan to move to Stage 2 of the Roadmap as a state by Friday, May 8th. He indicated that in order for counties to move forward with opening up more businesses and relaxing the restrictions, County Health Officer's would need to submit a County Variance Attestation to the State, demonstrating a high level of readiness to address the following areas:
• Stabilized or Declining COVID-19 rates and Stability of Hospitalizations
• Testing Capacity
• Containment/Contact Tracing Capacity
• Medical Surge/Hospital Capacity
• Ability to Protect Vulnerable Populations

As a Board, we have been kept apprised of the epidemiological and surveillance data for our County and surrounding region and the efforts by all of our County Departments, our local Healthcare District, our congregate living facilities, our Yosemite Area Gateway Coordination Team's planning efforts, and the State’s support in building our Testing Capacity. These have all been adequately outlined and addressed in our County Health Officer's Attestation.

Over the course of this pandemic, we have continued to invite public and stakeholder input at our regularly scheduled and special meetings of our Board of Supervisors, as well as through email, social media, Facebook Live events and a variety of other community meetings. We feel confident that the needs of our residents can be met through moving forward with the variances to the State's Stay at Home Order.

The Board of Supervisors of Mariposa County supports the Mariposa County Health Officer’s Attestation that we are ready as a county to implement variances to Stage 2.

Respectfully,

[Signature]
Supervisor Kevin Cann
Board Chair