MEETING: September 8, 2020

TO: The Board of Supervisors

FROM: Vincent Kehoe, Assessor-Recorder

RE: Standard Data Record Development JPA

RECOMMENDATION AND JUSTIFICATION:
Approve the participation of the Mariposa County Assessor in the Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) for Standard Data Record Development and Year to Year Support; and Authorize the County Assessor to Sign the JPA.

This is a JPA among participating California County Assessors who agree to gather formatted, through electronic media, relevant Business Property Statement (BPS) information within each of their respective counties for the purpose of determining the fair market value of property for assessment and taxation. In short, participation will allow us to offer our business taxpayers the option of filing annual Business Property Statements electronically if they wish to do so. Filing a paper copy of statements through the mail will still be available.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS: The Board of Supervisors has approved participation in such agreements in the past, most recently Res. #2020-455 the California Counties Cooperative Audit Services Exchange Joint Powers Agreement on July 28, 2020.

ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION: The Assessor’s staff manually prepares and mails paper copies of Business Property Statements (BPS) to over 1,200 taxpayers each year, and manually enters into our computer database the information provided on each BPS. Providing the option of filing online will be more efficient and cost effective for the taxpayer and the county in terms of reduced preparation and mailing costs, reduced staff time and more accurate data entry. Disapproval of our participation in this JPA will not allow us to reach these efficiencies.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:
Participation cost in 2020 of approximately $1,100 for this function and the JPA for "e-Forms Development Management and Administration." Already included in Assessor's budget for this FY.

ATTACHMENTS:
JPA for Standard Data Record Development (SDR) (PDF)
Resolution - Action Requested 2020-545

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Rosemarie Smallcombe, District I Supervisor
SECONDER: Marshall Long, District III Supervisor
AYES: Smallcombe, Jones, Long, Cann, Menetrey