RESOLUTION - ACTION REQUESTED 2021-155

MEETING: March 23, 2021

TO: The Board of Supervisors

FROM: Sarah Williams, Planning Director

RE: Approve the Recreation and Resiliency Master Plan

RECOMMENDATION AND JUSTIFICATION:
Adopt a Resolution Approving the Recreation and Resiliency Master Plan, Finding the Project is Exempt from CEQA, and Authorizing County Departments and Agencies to Pursue Implementing Its Recommendations

Developed throughout 2020, the Recreation and Resiliency Master Plan is a 20-year vision that sets the direction for the County as a resiliency leader and as a great place to live and recreate. The plan articulates the role of Mariposa County’s recreation infrastructure in supporting community-wide health and resilience, and provides a strategy for how future investments can participate in, or even lead, that effort.

Recommendations occur at two scales. First, the plan divides the entire county into four geographic districts (North County Zone, West County Zone, Central County Zone, and the Yosemite Zone) and recommends specific projects for each district. These projects are categorized as those related to Park Lands & Open Space; Recreation & Activities; Trails & Connectivity; and Natural Systems. The plan recommends key projects in each of these categories for each recreation district.

Second, the plan recommends three priority projects that were revealed through community dialogue to most effectively blend recreation and resilience, and provide opportunities to achieve Mariposa’s public health, economic development, landscape conservation, and climate change adaptation goals. Those projects are a countywide trail network; a multi-functional community recreation center in Mariposa; and a set of guidelines for integrating local wildfire planning and best practices into recreation.

Mariposa County residents drove the decision-making at every step of the planning process. In addition to regular meetings with and input from the project’s ad hoc steering committee, which included staff from the Planning, Public Works, Administration, and Public Health departments, as well as representatives of the Mariposa County Arts Council, Mariposa Trails, Sierra Foothill Conservancy, Yosemite/Mariposa County Tourism Bureau, and Mariposa County Chamber of Commerce, the public provided input through a variety of channels. This includes two online open houses, and two online surveys (the first to understand community needs and priorities relating to recreation and resilience, and the second to evaluate and
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prioritize recreation and resiliency projects that had been identified during previous stakeholder meetings).

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:
On December 17, 2019, the Board adopted RES-2019-729, which allocated funds from the MID Settlement Fund for several projects, including the Recreation and Resiliency Master Plan.

On February 4 2020, the Board adopted RES-2020-58, which approved an agreement with Design Workshop, Inc. to produce the Recreation and Resiliency Master Plan in an amount not to exceed $149,995; and authorized the Board of Supervisors Chair to Sign the agreement.

ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:
Alternatives include further planning work to amend or revise the document. However, there are no funds currently allocated to further planning activities related to the Master Plan.

Negative action would result in delaying implementation of the Recreation and Resiliency Master Plan's recommendations.

ATTACHMENTS:
210301 Resolution  (PDF)
Mariposa Recreation and Resiliency Plan_Final_210304_compressed (PDF)
Mariposa Recreation and Resiliency Plan Appendices_Final_210302  (PDF)
210323 Draft Notice of Exemption   (PDF)
PUBLIC INPUT - Letter from Bill King (PDF)
PUBLIC INPUT - Letter from Wendy Brown  (PDF)

RESULT:  ADOPTED AS AMENDED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:  Rosemarie Smallcombe, District I Supervisor
SECONDER: Wayne Forsythe, District IV Supervisor
AYES: Smallcombe, Sweeney, Long, Forsythe, Menetrey
TO: SARAH WILLIAMS/Planning Department
FROM: RENÉ LaROCHE/Clerk of the Board
SUBJECT: Adopt a Resolution Approving the Recreation and Resiliency Master Plan, Finding the Project is Exempt from CEQA, and Authorizing County Departments and Agencies to Pursue Implementing Its Recommendations
RESOLUTION: 2021-155

The following action was taken by the Mariposa County Board of Supervisors on March 23, 2021:

J.2. Planning RES-2021-155

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Sarah Williams introduced Mikey Goralnik who narrated a PowerPoint presentation.

Public comment opened. Bill King/Mariposa Trails Executive Director and President discussed his organization; discussed the importance of partnerships; noted that a lot of trails are on private property; advised that he does not see private property as a barrier; and suggested that incentives could be offered. Wendy Brown discussed the need for equestrian trails as well as trailheads where people can park their trailers and rigs; suggested that the road from Chowchilla would be good for that but the gate is now locked; discussed the need for camps; and discussed Merced River Trail Community Working Group speakers. Karen Glendenning suggested that representatives from the State Forest should have been part of the steering committee; noted a blue box around Fish Camp on page 81 and advised that this is a fire prevention zone; and advised that they have trails and trail heads for people going to Goat Meadow. Public comment closed.

Mikey Goralnik responded to public comments. Board discussion ensued with Supervisor Long noting two clerical errors and Supervisor Menetrey questioning the Measure M language.

ACTION:
The Recreation and Resiliency Master Plan was adopted with correction of the Hornitos median income, the spelling of Catheys Valley, and a substitution of //}
Measure M language to include the actual ballot text.

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF MARIPOSA
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Resolution No. 21-155  A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE RECREATION AND RESILIENCY MASTER PLAN AND AUTHORIZING COUNTY DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES TO PURSUE IMPLEMENTING ITS RECOMMENDATIONS.

WHEREAS, Mariposa County sees a need for projects that integrate community resiliency—including climate change adaptation and disaster risk reduction objectives—into a range of civic functions, including recreational amenities like parks, trails, and open spaces; and

WHEREAS, on December 17, 2019, the Board adopted Resolution No. 2019-729, which allocated funds from the MID Settlement Fund for several projects, including the development of a Recreation and Resiliency Master Plan which would use community input to help identify such projects; and

WHEREAS, the Recreation and Resiliency Master Plan provides a 20-year vision that sets the direction for the County as a resiliency leader and as a great place to live and recreate, articulates how recreation infrastructure can support community resiliency objectives, and provides a strategy for implementing impactful recreation and resiliency projects.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors does hereby approve the Recreation and Resiliency Master Plan, find this action is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act, and authorize county departments and agencies to pursue implementing its recommendations.

ON MOTION BY Supervisor Smallcombe, seconded by Supervisor Forsythe, this resolution is duly passed and adopted this 23rd day of March 2021 by the following vote:

AYES: SMALLCOMBE, SWEENEY, LONG, FORSYTHE, MENETREY
NOES: NONE
EXCUSED: NONE
ABSTAIN: NONE

[Signature]
Marshall Long, Chairman
Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:
[Signature]
René LaRoche, Clerk of the Board

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
[Signature]
Steven W. Dahlem, County Counsel
MARIPOSA COUNTY
NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: County Clerk, County of Mariposa FROM: Mariposa County
P.O. Box 247 Board of Supervisors
Mariposa, CA 95338 P.O. Box 784
Mariposa, CA 95338

Project Title: Mariposa County Recreation and Resiliency Master Plan
Project Location: Countywide

Description of Project: The Mariposa County Recreation and Resiliency Master Plan is a 20-year vision that sets the direction for the County as a resiliency leader and a great place to live and recreate. The plan articulates the role of Mariposa County’s recreation infrastructure in supporting community-wide health and resilience and provides a strategy for how future investments can participate in, or even lead, that effort. Specifically, the plan articulates community recreation needs and devises a strategy for developing and maintaining new and existing parks, open spaces, trails, and other recreation amenities. The plan also applies a resiliency framework to identify opportunities for investments to support climate change adaptation and mitigation.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Mariposa County Board of Supervisors
Name of Person/Agency Carrying Out Project: County of Mariposa

Exempt Status: General Rule Exemption, Section 15301(b)(3), CEQA Guidelines

Reasons Why Project is Exempt: Adoption of the Recreation and Resiliency Master Plan is not an action that is subject to environmental review pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3) of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines, because it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the adoption of the plan may have a significant impact on the environment. The Recreation and Resiliency Master Plan has no potential to cause a significant impact to the environment because it is a planning study that does not authorize, implement, or fund any specific projects. Any specific projects will be subject to independent environmental review prior to their implementation.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Mikey Goralnik, Community Design and Development Planner
Phone Number: (209) 966-5151

Sarah Williams
Planning Director

Date
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Date: 3/23/21
Mariposa County Recreation and Resiliency Master Plan

PROJECT APPLICANT NAME
Mariposa County Board of Supervisors

PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS
PO Box 784

CITY
Mariposa

STATE
CA

ZIP CODE
95338

CHECK APPLICABLE FEES:

☐ Environmental Impact Report (EIR) $3,445.25 $ 0.00

☐ Mitigated/Negative Declaration (MND)(ND) $2,480.25 $ 0.00

☐ Certified Regulatory Program (CRP) document - payment due directly to CDFW $1,171.25 $ 0.00

☐ Exempt from fee

☒ Notice of Exemption (attach)

☐ CDFW No Effect Determination (attach)

☐ Fee previously paid (attach previously issued cash receipt copy)

☐ Water Right Application or Petition Fee (State Water Resources Control Board only) $850.00 $ 0.00

☐ County documentary handling fee

☐ Other

PAYMENT METHOD:

☐ Cash ☐ Credit ☐ Check ☐ Other

TOTAL RECEIVED $ 0.00

SIGNATURE
Karen M Herman

AGENCY OF FILING PRINTED NAME AND TITLE
Karen M. Herman, Deputy County Clerk, County of Mariposa

DATE: 2021.03.26 13:57:41 -07'00'
NOTICE

Each project applicant shall remit to the county clerk the environmental filing fee before or at the time of filing a Notice of Determination (Pub. Resources Code, § 21152; Fish & G. Code, § 7114.4, subdivision (d); Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 753.5). Without the appropriate fee, statutory or categorical exemption, or a valid No Effect Determination issued by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW), the Notice of Determination is not operative, vested, or final, and shall not be accepted by the county clerk.

COUNTY DOCUMENTARY HANDLING FEE

The county clerk may charge a documentary handling fee of fifty dollars ($50) per filing in addition to the environmental filing fee (Fish & G. Code, § 7114.4, subd. (e); Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 753.5, subd. (g)(1)). A county board of supervisors shall have the authority to increase or decrease the fee or charge, that is otherwise authorized to be levied by another provision of law, in the amount reasonably necessary to recover the cost of providing any product or service or the cost of enforcing any regulation for which the fee or charge is levied (Gov. Code, § 54985, subd. (a)).

COLLECTION PROCEDURES FOR COUNTY GOVERNMENTS

Filing Notice of Determination (NOD):

☐ Collect environmental filing fee or copy of previously issued cash receipt. (Do not collect fee if project applicant presents a No Effect Determination signed by CDFW. An additional fee is required for each separate environmental document. An addendum is not considered a separate environmental document. Checks should be made payable to the county.)

☐ Issue cash receipt to project applicant.

☐ Attach copy of cash receipt and, if applicable, previously issued cash receipt, to NOD.

☐ Mail filing fees for CRP document to CDFW prior to filing the NOD or equivalent final approval (Cal. Code Regs. Tit. 14, § 753.5 (b)(5)). The CRP should request receipt from CDFW to show proof of payment for filing the NOD or equivalent approval. Please mail payment to address below made attention to the Cash Receipts Unit of the Accounting Services Branch.

If the project applicant presents a No Effect Determination signed by CDFW, also:

☐ Attach No Effect Determination to NOD (no environmental filing fee is due).

Filing Notice of Exemption (NOE) (Statutorily or categorically exempt project (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, §§ 15260-15265, 15300-15333))

☐ Issue cash receipt to project applicant.

☐ Attach copy of cash receipt to NOE (no environmental filing fee is due).

Within 30 days after the end of each month in which the environmental filing fees are collected, each county shall summarize and record the amount collected on the monthly State of California Form No. CA25 (TC31) and remit the amount collected to the State Treasurer. Identify the remittance on Form No. CA25 as “Environmental Document Filing Fees” per Fish and Game Code section 711.4.

The county clerk shall mail the following documents to CDFW on a monthly basis:

✓ A photocopy of the monthly State of California Form No. CA25 (TC31)
✓ CDFW/ASB copies of all cash receipts (including all voided receipts)
✓ A copy of all CDFW No Effect Determinations filed in lieu of fee payment
✓ A copy of all NODs filed with the county during the preceding month
✓ A list of the name, address and telephone number of all project applicants for which an NOD has been filed. If this information is contained on the cash receipt filed with CDFW under California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 753.5, subdivision (e)(6), no additional information is required.

DOCUMENT RETENTION

The county shall retain two copies of the cash receipt (for lead agency and county clerk) and a copy of all documents described above for at least 12 months.

RECEIPT NUMBER

# The first two digits automatically populate by making the appropriate selection in the County/State Agency of Filing drop down menu.
# The next eight digits automatically populate when a date is entered.
# The last three digits correspond with the sequential order of issuance for each calendar year. For example, the first receipt number issued on January 1 should end in 001. If a county issued 252 receipts for the year ending on December 31, the last receipt number should end in 252. CDFW recommends that counties and state agencies 1) save a local copy of this form, and 2) track receipt numbers on a spreadsheet tabbed by month to ensure accuracy.

DO NOT COMBINE THE ENVIRONMENTAL FEES WITH THE STATE SHARE OF FISH AND WILDLIFE FEES.

Mail to:
California Department of Fish and Wildlife
Accounting Services Branch
P.O. Box 944209
Sacramento, California 94244-2080