MEETING: May 4, 2021

TO: The Board of Supervisors

FROM: Mike Van Loben Sels, Acting Fire Chief

RE: Mariposa County Fuel Reduction Equipment Purchase Grant

RECOMMENDATION AND JUSTIFICATION:
Adopt a Resolution Authorizing the Mariposa County Fire Chief to Submit an Application for the California Climate Investments (CCI) Fire Prevention Grant through Cal Fire for Purchase and Maintenance of Equipment; and Authorize the Board of Supervisors Chair to Sign any Agreements or Documents Pertaining to this Grant (Subject to Approval as to Legal Form by County Counsel).

This grant could amount up to $267,842.00 for purchase and maintenance costs of equipment that will be used for fuel reduction and fuel break maintenance projects. Project tracking number 20-FP-MMU-0036.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:
If approved Mariposa County Fire will be applying for a grant to obtain tractor equipment such as Track Steer and small Excavator both with mastication ability and the power to work fuel break projects. These projects both planned and in need of maintenance are identified in the County's CWPP (Community Wildfire Protection Plan) and in line with Mariposa Cal Fire's Unit Fire Plan. Mariposa County Fire has limited resources to help maintain fuel reduction projects for the protection of communities. Cal Fire within Mariposa County has unit equipment that is shared amongst all projects between Mariposa-Madera-Merced counties leading to limited production time that could be increase if we had dedicated equipment for Mariposa County projects. This grant will allow for a cooperative effort between Mariposa County and Cal Fire to commit equipment specific to Mariposa County. Cal Fire will assist with supplying equipment operators, providing maintenance, and moving the equipment as needed.

ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:
Unable to increase production and maintenance of identified fuel breaks and fuel reduction projects as identified in cooperation with Cal Fire.

ATTACHMENTS:
20-FP-MMU-0036-Resolution (1)_fuel reduction equipment (PDF)
20-FP-MMU-0036-SOW 4.22.21 (PDF)
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RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Rosemarie Smallcombe, District I Supervisor
SECONDER: Wayne Forsythe, District IV Supervisor
AYES: Smallcombe, Sweeney, Long, Forsythe, Menetrey
RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF MARIPOSA COUNTY, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Resolution Number: 2021-243

WHEREAS the Governor of the State of California in cooperation with the California State Legislature has enacted State of California the California Climate Investment program, which provides funds to the State of California and its political subdivisions for fire prevention programs; and

WHEREAS, the State Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) has been delegated the responsibility for the administration of the program within the State, setting up necessary procedures governing application by local agencies, non-profit organizations, and others under the program; and

WHEREAS, the applicant will enter into an agreement with the State of California to carry out the Mariposa County Fuel Reduction Equipment Purchase project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the MARIPOSA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

1. Approves the filing of an application for “California Climate Investment Fire Prevention Grant Program”.
2. Certifies that said applicant has or will have sufficient funds to operate and maintain the project.
3. Certifies that funds under the jurisdiction of MARIPOSA COUNTY are available to begin the project.
4. Certifies that said applicant will expend grant funds prior to March 15, 2025.
5. Appoints Mariposa County Fire Department Division Chief to conduct all negotiations and submit application; Authorize the Board of Supervisors Chair to execute all other documents including, but not limited to agreements, amendments, payment requests and so on, which may be necessary for the completion of the aforementioned project.

The foregoing resolution was approved and adopted the 4th day of May, 2021 by the following vote:

AYES: SMALLCOMBE, SWEENEY, LONG, FORSYTHE, MENETREY
NOES: NONE
ABSENTS: NONE

[Signature]

Marshall Long, Board Chair
Title

—CERTIFICATION OF RESOLUTION—
Please note the person attesting cannot be the person(s) appointed in (5)

ATTEST:

I Rene LaRoche, CLERK OF THE BOARD of the MARIPOSA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, witness my hand or the seal of the MARIPOSA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS on the 4th day of May, 2021.

[Signature]

Rene LaRoche, Clerk of the Board
Title

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM:

[Signature]

Steven W. Dahlem, County Counsel