RESOLUTION - ACTION REQUESTED 2021-336

MEETING: June 8, 2021

TO: The Board of Supervisors

FROM: Dallin Kimble, County Administrative Officer

RE: Adopt a Resolution Approving Participation in the Institute for Local Government’s Recognition Program

RECOMMENDATION AND JUSTIFICATION:
Adopt a Resolution approving participation in the Institute for Local Government’s Beacon Program.

The Institute for Local Government (ILG), a nonprofit training and education affiliate of the California State Association of Counties (CSAC), the California League of Cities, and the California Special Districts Association, has extended an invitation to participate in the Beacon Program. The Beacon Program provides a framework for local agencies to implement and share best practices that create more vibrant and resilient communities. The program honors voluntary efforts by local governments to save energy, reduce greenhouse gas emissions and adopt policies and programs that promote sustainability.

Beacon Program participants receive technical assistance in collecting, reporting and tracking sustainable best practices, energy savings and greenhouse gas reductions; funding opportunities; monthly communications about innovative practices; opportunities for award recognition; access to peer-to-peer networking and educational events; and invitations to showcase sustainability leadership and agency achievements statewide.

The County’s invitation comes as a result of providing recycling resources, providing Home Energy Assistance Programs (HEAP) and Weatherization Assistance Programs (WAP), and progress on the energy savings pilot project.

The Beacon Program has no cost and provides resources that may be valuable to the County moving forward. Staff recommends approval at this time.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:
The Board of Supervisors has named sustainability as one of five stated values in the Mariposa County Strategic Plan.

The Board has not previously participated in programs through ILG.

ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:
Do not approve this resolution. The County will not be included in the Beacon
Program.

**ATTACHMENTS:**
Beacon Resolution Mariposa County (PDF)

**RESULT:** ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
**MOVER:** Miles Menetrey, District V Supervisor
**SECONDER:** Wayne Forsythe, District IV Supervisor
**AYES:** Smallcombe, Sweeney, Long, Forsythe, Menetrey
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SUPPORT FOR COUNTY OF MARIPOSA TO PARTICIPATE IN THE INSTITUTE FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT’S BEACON PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the County of Mariposa is undertaking policies, programs and activities to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, conserve natural resources, save energy and money, and promote sustainability and resilience; and

WHEREAS, the County of Mariposa wishes to expand these activities, share its experiences with other communities, and be recognized for its accomplishments; and

WHEREAS, the Beacon Program is a voluntary program of the Institute for Local Government that provides technical assistance, funding opportunities and recognition for the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions, energy savings, implementation of sustainability and resiliency best practices.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the County of Mariposa agrees to participate in the Beacon Program and work toward achieving Spotlight, Vanguard, and Leadership and Innovation awards.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Mariposa, State of California on this 8th day of June 2021, by the following vote:

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

MARSHALL LONG, Chair

ATTEST: APPROVED AS TO FORM:

RENE LAROCHE, Clerk of the Board

STEVEN W. DAHLEM, County Counsel