RESOLUTION - ACTION REQUESTED 2021-422

MEETING: July 20, 2021

TO: The Board of Supervisors

FROM: Dallin Kimble, County Administrative Officer

RE: Ratify a Letter of Support Congressionally Directed Spending Request

RECOMMENDATION AND JUSTIFICATION:
Ratify a Letter of Support for the Congressionally Directed Spending Request for an Ambulance Bay in Wawona.

The County of Mariposa is in need of funding for a priority project and is asking for assistance through this request for congressionally directed spending. The Mariposa County Board of Supervisors fully supports this project. The County’s project submittal is:

- Wawona Ambulance Bay ($350,000)-For many years, Mariposa County has provided a shelter for a National Park Service (NPS) ambulance to be parked in the Wawona area of Yosemite National Park. Through a mutual aid agreement, this ambulance has served the residents of Wawona and Yosemite West as well as visitor needs in Mariposa Grove, Wawona and Glacier Point. Recently, Yosemite National Park replaced their ambulance from 1985 with a new model. The new ambulance will provide better services to those in need of medical care, but unfortunately does not fit in the shelter. As a result, the ambulance is being parked in Yosemite Valley, adding 45 minutes or more to the time needed to respond to demands in the southern portion of Yosemite National Park. This project would construct a new garage in Wawona large enough to fit the new ambulance in order to improve response times in this area of the Park and County.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:
The Board routinely approves or ratifies letters of support that it determines to be in the best interest of the county.

ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:
Do not approve. Staff would notify recipients of a retraction in that event.

ATTACHMENTS:
RESULT: ADOPTED BY CONSENT VOTE [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Miles Menetrey, District V Supervisor
SECONDER: Wayne Forsythe, District IV Supervisor
AYES: Smallcombe, Sweeney, Long, Forsythe, Menetrey
May 19, 2021

The Honorable Dianne Feinstein  
United States Senate  
331 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Alex Padilla  
United States Senate  
112 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

RE: Support for Congressionally Directed Spending Request—County of Mariposa

Dear Senators Feinstein and Padilla:

On behalf of the County of Mariposa, I want to thank you for your commitment to our residents’ needs and priorities. We understand you have many constituencies and balancing the needs of them all is a challenging task.

The County of Mariposa is in need of funding for a priority project and is asking for your assistance through this request for congressionally directed spending. The Mariposa County Board of Supervisors fully supports this project. The County’s project submittal is:

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Thank you again for your consideration of this request. If you have any questions or need additional information, please don’t hesitate to contact Dallin Kimble, County Administrative Officer, at (209) 966-3222.

Respectfully,

[Signature]

Marshall Long, Chair