DEPARTMENT: Fire Protection
BY: Jim Wilson, Fire Chief
PHONE: 966-4330

RECOMMENDED ACTION AND JUSTIFICATION:
Authorize the regional 9-11 Memorial to be located and constructed in northeast corner of the County-owned Art Park on Highway 140.

In December 2010 the Board authorized the Fire Chief to accept four World Trade Center artifacts from the Port Authority of New York & New Jersey. Subsequently, a local guidance committee with representatives from the Sheriff, County Fire, MPUD Fire, the Arts Council, American Legion and VFW was formed and has been working to select a design and location.

The Arts Council issued a request for design from local and regional artists and a general design concept submitted from Merced artist Judith Burton has been selected. After evaluating six proposed sites, the committee also selected a preferred location at the Art Park. Committee representatives met with representatives of Public Works, Facilities and Parks & Recreation. All three endorsed the proposed location. At the May 23 Parks & Recreation Commission meeting they too voted unanimously to approve the Art Park as a location for the memorial.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:
The Board has authorized acceptance of the four World Trade Center artifacts and there is a precedent for a memorial in a County Park. At the base of the flagpole in the Midpines County Park there is a memorial to the four USFS firefighters who lost their lives and two who were critically burned in the 1962 wildland fire in Midpines.

ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:
Not locate the 9-11 Memorial in the Art Park.

Financial Impact? ( ) Yes (x) No  Current FY Cost: $0
Budgeted In Current FY? (x) Yes ( ) No ( ) Partially Funded
Amount in Budget: $0
Additional Funding Needed: $0

List Attachments, number pages consecutively
1. Artist’s design
2. Detail of I-Beam arrangement
3. Photo of preferred location in Art Park

CLERK’S USE ONLY:
Res. No.: Ord. No. ______
Vote - Ayes: ______ Noes: ______
Absent: ______
Approved ______
( ) Minute Order Attached ( ) No Action Necessary

The foregoing instrument is a correct copy of the original on file in this office.
Date: ________________

Attest: MARGIE WILLIAMS, Clerk of the Board
County of Mariposa, State of California
By: ______
Deputy

COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER:
Requested Action Recommended ( ) No Opinion
Comments: _____________________________
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CAO: ______________________

Revised Dec. 2002
TO: JIM WILSON, Fire Chief
FROM: MARGIE WILLIAMS, Clerk of the Board
SUBJECT: Authorize the Regional 9-11 Memorial to be Located and Constructed in the Northeast Corner of the County-Owned Art Park on Highway 140
RES. 11-294

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MARIPosa COUNTY, CALIFORNIA
ADOPTED THIS Order on June 14, 2011

ACTION AND VOTE:

3 Fire
Authorize the Regional 9-11 Memorial to be Located and Constructed in the Northeast Corner of the County-Owned Art Park on Highway 140

BOARD ACTION: Jim Wilson, Fire Chief, reviewed the request. He recognized the work by a “local guidance committee” with representatives from the Sheriff, County Fire, MPUD Fire, Arts Council, American Legion and VFW on this project. He advised of review by Public Works and the Parks and Recreation Commission. Discussion was held relative to the monument design, the flags, and maintenance. Supervisor Cann requested that the logos and wording for the plaques come back to the Board for review.

Input from the public was provided by the following:
Marilyn Saunders asked whether there will be acknowledgement of the other sites from the 9-11 attacks.

Jim Wilson advised that they are trying to represent the four elements of the population that were affected. Rick Benson commented on his visit to New York and people feeling that the rest of the country had forgotten about them, and that he reassured them that we have not. Jim Wilson advised that memorials are going up all across the country.

(M)Bibby, (S)Stetson, Res. 11-294 was adopted approving the location and construction of the memorial as requested/Ayes: Stetson, Bibby, Cann, Allen; Excused: Turpin.

Supervisor Cann asked about the fundraising efforts, and he stated he does not feel that donor plaques should be included in the memorial. Jim Wilson responded and advised that the Chowchilla Mountain Women’s Club has adopted this program as finance managers.

Cc: Allen Toschi, Public Works Director
File
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