RECOMMENDED ACTION AND JUSTIFICATION: Conduct a public hearing to receive input on the proposal for the redistricting of Supervisorial boundaries; adopt a resolution approving the revised Supervisorial district boundaries and; direct staff to prepare and bring forward the required ordinance to enact changes to be effective November 1, 2011.

See attached staff report.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS: The County is required to revise supervisorial district boundaries every 10 years. Initial drafts were presented to your Board on June 7, 2011.

ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION: If your Board does not revise boundaries by November, responsibility will be transferred to a committee led by the District Attorney.

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

Source: 
Internal Transfer 
Unanticipated Revenue  4/5's vote 
Transfer Between Funds  4/5's vote 
Contingency  4/5's vote 
( ) General  ( ) Other 

List Attachments, number pages consecutively
Staff Report, 2011 Draft Redistricting Plan Option 4 Modified

CLERK'S USE ONLY:
Res. No.: 442  
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:
TO: RICHARD J. BENSON, CAO

FROM: MARGIE WILLIAMS, Clerk of the Board

SUBJECT: PUBLIC HEARING to Receive Input on the Proposal for the Redistricting of Supervisorial Boundaries; Adopt a Resolution Approving the Revised Supervisorial District Boundaries, and Direct Staff to Prepare and Bring Forward the Required Ordinance to Enact Changes to be Effective November 1, 2011

RES. 11-412

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MARIPosa COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

ADOPTED THIS Order on August 16, 2011

ACTION AND VOTE:

Administration
PUBLIC HEARING to Receive Input on the Proposal for the Redistricting of Supervisorial Boundaries; Adopt a Resolution Approving the Revised Supervisorial District Boundaries, and Direct Staff to Prepare and Bring Forward the Required Ordinance to Enact Changes to be Effective November 1, 2011

BOARD ACTION: Rick Benson presented the staff report, reviewing the history of the work on this matter and the direction the Board provided to staff on July 12, 2011, relative to proposed changes; and he responded to questions from the Board relative to the effective date of the changes. Steve Dahlem, County Counsel, responded to a question from the Board and advised that he will review the status of the current Planning Commissioners where the boundaries are changing with the redistricting. Keith Williams, County Clerk, commented on the effective date and impacts. Supervisor Cann asked that staff research the issues that were raised and to bring information back to the Board.

The public portion of the hearing was opened and input was provided by the following:
Ruth Sellers asked for clarification of the district IV boundaries on the Option 4-M map. Supervisor Cann responded relative to the proposed changes in the boundaries. Ruth Sellers continued stating she feels that the proposal looks good. She stated she would have no problem being in Supervisorial district I, she just didn’t want to be combined in a district with Coulterville as she doesn’t feel that they have anything in common.

The public portion of the hearing was closed and the Board commenced with deliberations. Supervisor Cann acknowledged the work of staff in this process and
the map work by Emily Meriam/GIS specialist. (M)Cann, (S)Stetson, Res. 11-412 was adopted approving the redistricting as outlined in Modified Draft Redistricting Plan Option 4/Ayes: Stetson, Bibby, Cann, Allen; Excused: Turpin. Direction was given to staff to prepare and bring forward the required ordinance to enact the changes to be effective November 1, 2011. The hearing was closed.

Cc: Kris Schenk, Planning
    Steven W. Dahlem, County Counsel
    Keith Williams, Treasurer/Tax Collector/County Clerk
    File
August 16, 2011

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Rick Benson, County Administrative Officer
SUBJECT: Redistricting Hearing

California Elections Code Section 21500 requires that every County review their Supervisorial boundaries every 10 years upon completion of the U.S. Census. If it is found that the districts have an unequal population distribution it is required that the district boundaries be redrawn.

Based on data from the U.S. Census Bureau it was determined that a redrawning of district boundaries is required for Mariposa County. The most dramatic change in boundaries is required in District I. While each district should have 20% of the population District I currently only has 16.6%.

At your July 12, 2011 meeting your Board conducted a public hearing regarding proposed changes to the County Supervisorial District Boundaries. At that hearing your Board reviewed four proposed plans, received public comment and provided staff with direction to make two adjustments to Draft Redistricting Plan 4 for final consideration.

Attached are maps outlining Modified Draft Redistricting Plan Option 4 incorporating the Board directed changes. The two changes from the original Draft 4 plan will provide that Wawona remains in District 5 and moves a sparsely populated portion of District 2 in the Briceburg area to District 1.

This proposal addresses the main criteria in the Election Code that the plan shall “make the population as nearly equal as may be.” It also meets the other requirements of the Code in that it has been drawn taking into consideration topography, geography, cohesiveness, contiguity, integrity, and compactness of territory as well as community of interests.

The process for determining Supervisorial boundaries includes two public hearings. Today’s meeting fulfills the requirement for the second public hearing. Therefore, your Board may make a final determination regarding boundaries at the conclusion of this hearing.

It is therefore recommended that your Board take the following actions:

1. Conduct a public hearing to receive input on the proposal for the redistricting of Supervisorial boundaries.
2. Adopt a resolution approving the revised Supervisorial district boundaries.
3. Direct staff to prepare and bring forward the required ordinance to enact changes to be effective November 1, 2011.

Upon enactment of the ordinance, the process for redrawing the boundaries will then be completed and they will be ready for use for the 2012 primary election.