

DEPARTMENT: Board of Supervisors

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RECOMMENDED ACTION AND JUSTIFICATION:

Ratify a letter supporting proposed legislation for the National Park Service (NPS) to acquire land in Mariposa County for a visitors' center for Yosemite National Park. Due to time constraints it was necessary to send the letter prior to first obtaining formal Board approval authorizing the Chairman's signature. Congress Member Denham is sponsoring proposed legislation for the NPS to acquire land near the junction of Highways 140 and 49 North for the purpose of establishing a visitors' center and possibly the relocation of the California State Mining and Mineral Museum. Having a visitors' center for Yosemite National Park in the town of Mariposa will enhance the experience of tourists as well as increase the economic vitality of local businesses. The proposed legislation includes language that the Federal Government may partner with Mariposa County on land use/planning issues related to the land acquisition.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS

The Board adopted Resolution 10-186 authorizing the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors to sign a letter to Congress Member Radanovich who was proposing similar legislation.

ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

Do not ratify the letter and direct staff to draft a letter revoking the Board's support of this proposed legislation.

Financial Impact? () Yes (X) No	Current FY Cost: \$	Annual Recurring Cost: \$
Budgeted In Current FY? () Yes () No () Partially Funded		
Amount in Budget: \$ _____		List Attachments, number pages consecutively _____
Additional Funding Needed: \$ _____		Signed Letter _____
Source:		Proposed Legislation _____
Internal Transfer _____		_____
Unanticipated Revenue _____ 4/5's vote		_____
Transfer Between Funds _____ 4/5's vote		_____
Contingency _____ 4/5's vote		_____
() General () Other		_____

CLERK'S USE ONLY:

Res. No.: 11-529 Ord. No. _____
 Vote - Ayes: 5 Noes: _____
 Absent: _____ Abstained: _____
JB Approved
 () Minute Order Attached () No Action Necessary

COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER:

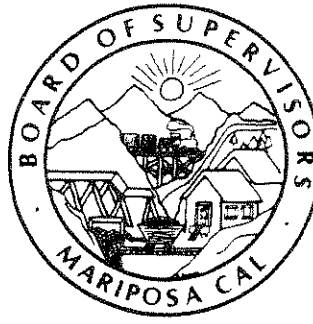
Requested Action Recommended
 No Opinion
 Comments: _____

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

CAO: JB

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October 18, 2011

Honorable Jeff Denham
United States Congress Member
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Washington, DC 20515

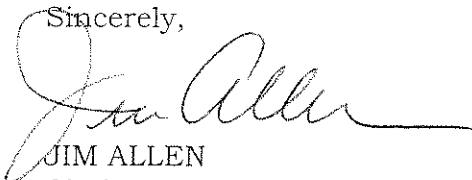
Dear Congress Member Denham:

The Mariposa County Board of Supervisors enthusiastically supports your proposed legislation authorizing the National Park Service (NPS) to acquire up to 18 acres in or around the community of Mariposa. It is understood that the purpose of the land acquisition will be to provide for improved visitor services and potential administrative support facilities for Yosemite National Park.

We are especially pleased that the bill advises the NPS to partner with the County of Mariposa on all land use planning related to the acquired lands. The Board of Supervisors stands ready to work with Yosemite National Park on all issues of mutual interest.

We particularly appreciate your proactive approach to helping Yosemite National Park advance its visitor service objectives and recognizing the strategic role gateway communities share in that vision.

Sincerely,



JIM ALLEN
Chairman

JA/mbh

cc: Senator Feinstein
Senator Boxer
Superintendent Neubaucher

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(Original Signature of Member)

112TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. _____

To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to acquire not more than 18 acres of land and interests in land in Mariposa, California, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. DENHAM introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on _____

A BILL

To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to acquire not more than 18 acres of land and interests in land in Mariposa, California, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. YOSEMITE NATIONAL PARK LAND ACQUI-**
4 **SION.**

5 (a) ACQUISITION.—The Secretary of the Interior may
6 acquire not more than 18 acres of land and interests in
7 land near the junction of highways CA-49 and CA-140
8 in Mariposa, California.

1 (b) PROHIBITION ON ACQUISITION BY EMINENT DO-
2 MAIN.—The Secretary may not acquire property under
3 this section by eminent domain.

4 (c) PLANNING AND ADMINISTRATION.—The Sec-
5 retary—

6 (1) shall administer land or interests in land ac-
7 quired under this section as part of Yosemite Na-
8 tional Park in accordance with applicable laws and
9 regulations; and

10 (2) may partner with Mariposa County regard-
11 ing land use planning related to land and interests
12 in land acquired under this section.