

DEPARTMENT: Board of Supervisors

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RECOMMENDED ACTION AND JUSTIFICATION:

Authorize the Mariposa County Fire Safe Council to apply for a Sierra Nevada Conservancy Proposition 84 Grant in an amount of \$25,000 to complete the Environmental Compliance Study for a future Hazardous Fuels Reduction Project located on County owned property in the Midpines community. The Mariposa County Fire Safe Council has successfully completed the pre-application process for this grant and has been notified that they are eligible to submit a formal grant application. The County owns 312 undeveloped acres in the community of Midpines (please see attached map) and performing a fuel reduction project on this land will provide better forest health and reduce the threat of wildfire.

This grant will fund the necessary environmental compliance studies. Once these studies are completed, the Mariposa County Fire Safe Council will pursue additional grant(s) to actually complete the fuel reduction project. Please see the attached project description.

If the Mariposa County Fire Safe Council is successful in obtaining this grant, prior to beginning the environmental studies, any necessary release of liability forms and/or agreements will be submitted for Board approval and County Counsel review.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS

ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

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: \$ _____		Assessor Map _____
Source:		Project Description _____
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.: 11580 Ord. No. _____
 Vote - Ayes: 5 Noes: _____
 Absent: _____ Abstained: _____
 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: _____

CAO: [Signature]

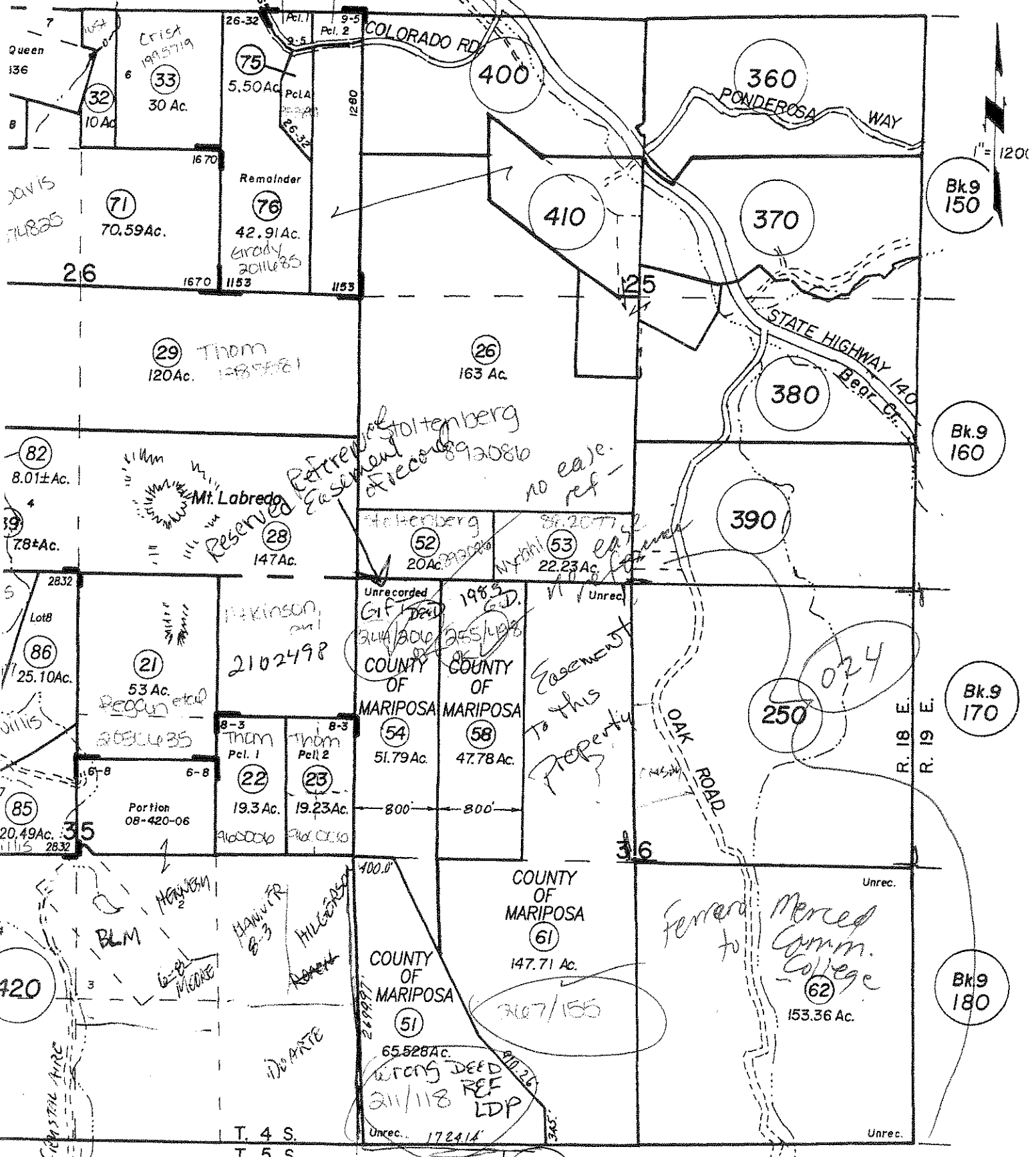
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Assessor's Map Bk.08-Pg.350
County of Mariposa, Calif.
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The section below is the Project Description, in its entirety:

The aforementioned project will allow the Council the opportunity to complete the Environmental Compliance Study, for a future Hazardous Fuels Reduction Project in the community Midpines where the reduction of 312 acres of Hazardous Fuels will be reduced, therefore creating better forest health and diversity, prevent insect/beetle attacks, improve the watersheds by removing large build ups of fuels and opening the canopy, and the future project will also create a better barrier in the event of a Catastrophic Wildland Fire. With the requested funds, the Council will begin the first stages of the project, which include environmental studies, such as (but are not limited too) Identifying Endangered Species, Archeological Sites, Watershed Identification, Migratory Bird Treaty Act, Tribal lands, Indian Burial Grounds, Mine Shafts, among other important establishments. The Council will form collaborative partnerships with the local tribes, Board of Supervisors, Fire Agencies and Organizations who are all very anxious to mitigate this potential threat to life, property and natural resources. The sole purpose of this project is to identify and ensure environmental protection within the future targeted project zone. With the Environmental Compliance Study in place, the Council will seek funding sources to complete the hazardous Fuels Reduction within in the project zone, creating Forest Health and Diversity, Improving Watersheds, Preventing Insect Attacks, and Creating/Maintaining a Greater Resistance to Wildland Fire. The Council will seek future funding to complete the following, once the environmental study has been completed: 112 acres of mastication, 50 acres of hand cutting of fuels, and approximately 150 acres of steep slope fuel reduction. Once this project is complete, the overall outcome of the project will be a tremendous benefit to the community of Midpines and the County of Mariposa. The threat of Wildland Fire in the area of this project is significant. This project will also serve as an anchor point in the event of such wildland fire, create a barrier to stop or slow the spread, protecting the nearby watersheds from pollution and irritants, create a safer work zone, prevent the loss of life and property, including the loss of life to firefighters and emergency personnel. The Council will manage the aforementioned Category Two Pre Project Activity, ensuring that all policies and procedures are followed, including; OSHA compliance, grant terms and objectives are abided by; and adhere to the fiscal responsibilities of the project.