DEPARTMENT: Public Works

RECOMMENDED ACTION AND JUSTIFICATION:

Approve the Request for Proposals (RFP) for privatizing the Solid Waste and Recycling Division of Public Works and authorize the Director of Public Works to advertise the approved RFP.

If this request is approved, the Public Works Director will advertise the approved RFP; allowing for investigation in to the viability of privatizing the Solid Waste division.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS

On May 10, 2011 the Board authorized the County Administrative Officer and Public Works Director to prepare an RFP and to return to the Board for approval.

ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

Failure to approve the RFP and its release would deprive the County of the opportunity to explore alternatives to the way the Solid Waste Division is currently run.
Mariposa County Board of Supervisors

Minute Order

To:    Peter Rei, Public Works Director

From:  Margie Williams, Clerk of the Board

Subject: Approve the Request for Proposals (RFP) for Privatizing the Solid Waste and Recycling Division of Public Works and Authorize the Director of Public Works to Advertise the Approved RFP

RES. 12-70

The Board of Supervisors of Mariposa County, California

Adopted this Order on February 7, 2012

Action and Vote:

Items removed from Consent Agenda

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Discussion was held with Pete Rei/Public Works Director and Greg Ollivier/PWD-Solid Waste/Recycling Manager relative to the request.

Input from the public was provided by the following:

Christine Bogusch stated she works for the Solid Waste Division. She expressed concern with problems that occurred when the operation was previously contracted out; and she provided input on their current operations and her concern that their diversion rate would change if a new operator removed the recycling. She does not support privatizing the operation.

Marvin Wells asked if the successful company would buy the equipment if the operation is privatized.
Pete Rei responded to the questions relative to the equipment and advised that he feels they would be answered in the context of a proposal. He further advised that they plan to put together a proposal for the County to continue operation, including options with changes to the current operation. Supervisor Allen advised of his previous discussion with the County Administrative Officer that no employee would lose their job if the operation is contracted out.

Supervisor Turpin noted the need to stay with the previous commitment of not raising the fees for the specified period of time. Discussion was held relative to the current operation.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: Lee Stetson, District I Supervisor
SECONDER: Kevin Cann, District IV Supervisor
AYES: Stetson, Turpin, Bibby, Cann, Allen

Cc: Bill Davis, Auditor
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