MEETING: February 14, 2012

TO: The Board of Supervisors

FROM: Peter Rei, Public Works Director

RE: Merco Cycling Bike Race

RECOMMENDATION AND JUSTIFICATION:

Approve the Merco Cycling Classic Bike Race to be held on Thursday, March 1, 2012. Event to be held from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Merced Falls Road, Hornitos Road and Lake McClure Road. Northbound traffic on Merced Falls Road will be detoured onto J59 North during the race. Southbound Merced Falls Road traffic will be delayed approximately 5-10 minutes during the race.

An encroachment application has been filed; however, Merco Cycling is not requesting a waiver of the fee.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:

In the past, the Board of Supervisors has approved similar events such as the AMGEN Tour, Healing Nations Races and the VeloPromo Races. The Merco Cycling Classic has been held in Merced County since the 1990's and has since expanded the race onto Merced Falls Road. The event holders are providing traffic control and signage for the race course.

ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

Do not approve; the race will be cancelled.

ATTACHMENTS:
Letter from Race Director (PDF)
Details of route (PDF)
Map of route (PDF)
Race details (PDF)
Encroachment permit (PDF)
Certificate of insurance (PDF)
CAO RECOMMENDATION
Requested Action Recommended

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Lee Stetson, District I Supervisor
SECONDER: Jim Allen, District V Supervisor
AYES: Stetson, Turpin, Bibby, Cann, Allen
January 18, 2012

Office of the Sheriff-Coroner
Mariposa County
P.O. Box 276
Mariposa CA 95338

To Whom It May Concern:

The purpose of this letter is to provide more information and details regarding the bicycle race to take place in Merced/Mariposa counties between the dates of 3/1/12 and 3/4/12. The attached application is requesting use of roads within Mariposa County on 3/1/12.

The Merco Cycling Classic was started in the early 1990's and has been held every year since then in Merced County. The race has consisted of 2 separate races, one taking place in downtown Merced and another taking place on the roads west of Snelling CA. As in 2011, the race will be run over 4 days in 2012.

The course that enters into Mariposa county consists of Merced Falls road, Hornitos Road, and Lake McClure road. There is an access road between Lake McClure road and Merced Falls road. There is a private access road that connects Lake McClure road to Merced Falls road that is used also.

We are requesting Full closure of the roads for this race, but have come up with a plan to allow traffic through the course south bound on Merced Falls road when clear and also from the intersections of Merced Falls road/Hornitos road and Hornitos road/Lake McClure road. This will be coordinated by CHP/Sheriff during the race. We will need to detour North bound traffic on Merced Falls road onto J59 for the duration of the race. Race Duration will be approximately 4 hrs. We will need an additional 30-60 minutes to clear roads of all traffic and close down the course. Start time will be approximately 10am pending coordination between Merced County and MID. This road/traffic plan was used in 2011 without issue.

Parking and registration will be at the MID lots and portable bathrooms will be provided at this location. A minimum of 1 ambulance will be positioned on the course during the event. Insurance will be provided in the amount of $1,000,000 with Mariposa County named as an also insured.
All information regarding the 2012 race will be located at www.topsportcycling.com. Please contact me via phone or email for further information.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Lee Shuemake
Race Director
subluxator@sbcglobal.net
209.743.1649
Traffic Plan for Merco Cycling Classic Thursday March 1st 2012

For Thursday March 3rd, 2011 the Merco Cycling Classic is requesting the use of public roads consisting of Merced Falls Road, Horitnos road and Lake McClure road. For the hours 9am-3pm we are requesting full or partial closure following the plan listed below:

1) North Bound Traffic on Merced Falls Road will be detoured onto J59 North. Detour signs will be placed at the intersection of J59 and Merced Falls Road as well as a notification sign listing the time of the road closure. Merced County Sherriff will be located at the intersections of Merced Falls/Horitnos Road and the intersection of Horitnos Road/Lake McClure Road.

2) South Bound Traffic on Merced Falls Road will be Delayed a maximum of 5-10 minutes. There will be lead and follow vehicles for both groups of racers (Pro Men and Women). Once the main group of both fields has passed along with the follow vehicles, any local traffic headed south on Merced Falls Road will be allowed to follow the race vehicles. All racers that are no longer able to keep up with the main field will be instructed to ride to the right side of the road so that local traffic can overtake. If the main fields are on the other side of the course there will be zero to minimal delay for local traffic. They may be stopped and given brief instructions on how to proceed.

3) For traffic headed East/West from the intersections of Merced Falls Road/Horitnos road and Horitnos road/Lake McClure road the same rules will apply as listed in #2 above. When the main fields and lead/follow race vehicles have passed they will be instructed how to proceed. Maximum Delay of 5-10 minutes.

4) As requested by Mariposa County, Topsyrt Cycling will Place 3 notification signs along the route. One will be placed near J59 intersection, one at the bridge/Horitnos road intersection, and one at the Horitnos Road/Merced Falls Rd intersection. Signs will be posted at least 10 days prior to the event. Signs will read “Merced Falls Road Subject to Closure on Thursday March 3rd 2011 from 9:00am to 1:30pm”

5) 1 sign will be placed at Merced Falls road/Lake access road that reads “Special Event Traffic Subject to Delay March 3rd 2011 9:00am to 1:30pm”

6) Detour Signs will be placed along Detour Route Guiding traffic around the North Bound Merced Falls road closure.
MID Road Race Traffic/Communication

Communication for the MID Road Race is extremely important due to the "rolling enclosure" traffic plan. We will have lead vehicles for both the Men's and Women's categories, as well as a sweep vehicle for each category. Riders within this enclosure are given full use of both sides of the road. Riders that fall off the back of their group and behind the following sweep vehicle are required to ride to the right side of the road and allow following traffic to pass when necessary. They are also required to obey the center line.

I have marked on the map below the locations of all traffic control points. The race will run in a counter clockwise direction starting at the Lake McSwain parking area and finishing on top of the Dam. Radios will be supplied to each Check point location as well as lead and follow vehicles and Ambulance.

We are allowing opposing traffic from Horntos Road to travel west onto Lake McClure road then turn left onto Merced Falls road. This is only allowed when there is time between the Men's and Women's race and there must be communication between check point and lead/follow vehicles to verify the location of both fields.

Check point #3 poses the most difficulty. Riders will be coming down from the top of the "haul road" climb around a blind area. CHP in this location must communicate with the officials at the top of the climb as well as the lead and follow vehicles to verify no riders are coming before allowing traffic to travel south bound on Merced Falls Road.

CHP will be handling checkpoints #3, #4, and #5. MID will have Personnel at Check Points #1, #2 (2) and #3. We will have a volunteer at the Powerhouse checkpoint.

There may be some vehicles that need to exit Lake McClure. These Vehicles will be lead out by MID and will pull off the road if a race field is approaching.
Merced Irrigation District Road Race

**DATE:** Thursday – March 1st, 2012

**LOCATION:** Lake McClure/Snelling CA

**COURSE:** Lake McClure Road, Access Road, Merced Falls Road, Hornitos Road. 12.5 Mile loop with 3 mile rolling terrain and one main climb.

**DIRECTIONS:** From Merced and Hwy 99 northbound, take G Street exit and head north 16 miles to Hwy 59. Turn right, and go through Snelling past the school and straight (not left) onto J-16. Follow Merced Falls Road past Henderson Park (parking area for Snelling RR) for a few miles, turn right onto Hornitos Road (towards Lake McClure/McSwain Lake) and then continue straight until you enter McSwain/McClure Recreation area. Parking is on the right after you enter the park.

From southbound Hwy 99, take Keyes Road exit 7 miles south of Modesto, head east 11 miles to Montpelier Road, then south (right) 6.5 miles to Turlock Road, then left (east) 8 miles to Hwy 59 & left through town (see above). Follow Merced Falls Road past Henderson Park (parking area for Snelling RR) for a few miles, turn right onto Hornitos Road (towards Lake McClure/McSwain Lake) and then continue straight until you enter McSwain/McClure Recreation area. Parking is on the right after you enter the park.

**Sign in:** Opens at 8:30 a.m. at Parking inside Lake McClure. Sign in Will close at 9:45am. This is 1st Stage of Stage race for P1/2 men and Masters 35+ 1/2/3 Stage Race. Register online at Topsportcycling.com. No day of registration.

Follow/Support vehicles allowed, you must let us know when you register that you have a support/team vehicle. Neutral support for the Pro1/2 men’s field. A Neutral “wheel in-wheels out” vehicle will be provided for the Masters 35+ 1/2/3 field.

**Registration:** Online at Topsportcycling.com/Bikereg.com

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**Listed prizes are 100% Cash. Champions Jersey and River Rock Trophy awarded to each category winner.**
MARIPOSA COUNTY
APPLICATION FOR ENCROACHMENT PERMIT

TO: PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT
4639 BEN HUR ROAD
MARIPOSA, CA 95338

DATE: 4/18/12
BUILDING PERMIT: __________

GENTLEMEN:

THE UNDERSIGNED HEREBY APPLIES FOR PERMISSION TO EXCAVATE, CONSTRUCT, AND/OR OTHERWISE ENCROACH ON A COUNTY RIGHT-OF-WAY ON [Merced Falls Road, Lake McClure Road] AND AGREES TO DO THE WORK IN ACCORDANCE WITH COUNTY RULES AND REGULATIONS AND SUBJECT TO COUNTY INSPECTION AND APPROVAL. BY PERFORMING THE FOLLOWING WORK: (PLEASE FILL IN ALL BLANKS THAT APPLY).

1. ____ DRIVEWAY
   ____ ROAD CROSSING
   ____ WATER PIPE, CULVERT, ETC.
   ____ LDA ROAD

2. ____ NEW BUILDING/HOME
   ____ REMODEL EXISTING
   ____ NEW MAILBOX
   ____ OTHER (EXPLAIN BELOW)

3. DRIVING INSTRUCTION FROM A KNOWN LANDMARK TO LOCATION OF ENCROACHMENT, I.E., INTERSECTION OF COUNTY ROADS, STATE HIGHWAYS OR TOWN, ETC.

   Merced Falls Road, Lake McClure Road,
   Cycling Race

4. ATTACH MAP SHOWING LOCATION AND SKETCHES SHOWING WHAT IS TO BE DONE, SHOW LOCATION OF THE STAKE MARKING PROPOSED ENCROACHMENT OR WORK TO BE DONE.

   Attached

5. ASSESSOR'S PARCEL NUMBER: ______________________

6. ADDRESS OF PARCEL: ______________________________

APPLICANT IS REQUIRED TO STAKE THE ENCROACHMENT WITH THE PINK CARD PROVIDED AND/OR NEW MAILBOX LOCATION WITH THE GREEN CARD PROVIDED.

NO PERMIT WILL BE ISSUED UNTIL POSTING HAS BEEN COMPLETED AND APPROPRIATE FEES HAVE BEEN COLLECTED. WORK WILL NOT BE STARTED UNTIL AN ENCROACHMENT PERMIT HAS BEEN ISSUED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS.

PERMIT NO. __________

DATE ISSUED _________

Lee Shemake
OWNERS NAME (Please print)

SIGNATURE OF OWNER/APPLICANT
446 Sundown Lane

OWNERS MAILING ADDRESS
Sonora, CA 95370

CITY STATE ZIP (209) 743-1649

PHONE NUMBER

ATTACHMENT #5
CERTIFICATE OF LIABILITY INSURANCE

THIS CERTIFICATE IS ISSUED AS A MATTER OF INFORMATION ONLY AND CONFRMS NO RIGHTS UPON THE CERTIFICATE HOLDER. THIS CERTIFICATE DOES NOT ALTER ANYTHING OR NEGATIVELY AFFEXD THE COVERAGE AFFED BY THE POLICIES BELOW. THIS CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE DOES NOT CONSTITUTE A CONTRACT BETWEEN THE ISSUING INSURER(S), AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OR PRODUCER, AND THE CERTIFICATE HOLDER.

IMPORTANT: If the certificate holder is an ADDITIONAL INSURED, the policy(ies) must be endorsed. If SUBROGA TION IS WAIVED, subject to the terms and conditions of the policy, certain policies may require an endorsement. A statement on this certificate does not confer rights to the certificate holder in lieu of such endorsement.

PRODUCER
Willis of Texas, Inc.
c/o 26 Century Blvd.
P.O. Box 305191
Nashville, TN 37230-5191

CONTACT
NAME: certificates@willie.com
PHONE: 877-945-7378
FAX: 888-467-2378

INSURED
USA Cycling, Inc.
210 USA Cycling Point
Colorado Springs, CO 80919

INSCRIBER:
Federal Insurance Company
20281-001

CERTIFICATE NUMBER: 73341355

REVISION NUMBER:

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT THE POLICIES OF INSURANCE LISTED BELOW HAVE BEEN ISSUED TO THE INSURED NAMED ABOVE FOR THE POLICY PERIOD INDICATED. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY REQUIREMENT, TERM OR CONDITION OF ANY CONTRACT OR OTHER DOCUMENT WITH RESPECT TO WHICH THIS CERTIFICATE MAY BE ISSUED OR MAY PERTAIN, THE INSURANCE AFFERED BY THE POLICIES DESCRIBED HEREIN IS SUBJECT TO ALL THE TERMS, EXCLUSIONS AND CONDITIONS OF SUCH POLICIES. LIMITS SHOWN MAY HAVE BEEN REDUCED BY PAID CLAIMS.

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DESCRIPTION OF OPERATIONS / LOCATIONS / VEHICLES (Attach Acord 101). Additional Remarks Schedule, if more space is required.

RE: Event #2012-282
Event Name: Merco Cycling Classic
Event Location: Merced, CA
Event Dates: 03/02/2012 - 03/04/2012

Certificate Holder is an Additional Insured with respect to Event #2012-282, Merco Cycling Classic, in Merced, CA on 03/02/2012 - 03/04/2012, but only with respect to the liability arising.

CERTIFICATE HOLDER
Mariposa County
5100 Bullion St #1
Mariposa, CA 95338

CANCELLATION

SHOULD ANY OF THE ABOVE DESCRIBED POLICIES BE CANCELLED BEFORE THE EXPIRATION DATE THEREOF, NOTICE WILL BE DELIVERED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE POLICY PROVISIONS.

AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE

Mariposa County
5100 Bullion St #1
Mariposa, CA 95338
**ADDITIONAL REMARKS SCHEDULE**

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ADDITIONAL REMARKS

This additional remarks form is a schedule to ACORD form. Form number: 25, Form Title: Certificate of Liability Insurance.

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