DEPARTMENT: Board of Supervisors

BY: Kevin Cann
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RECOMMENDED ACTION AND JUSTIFICATION:
Authorize the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors to sign 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. Congress Member Radanovich 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 will partner with Mariposa County on land use/planning issues related to the visitors’ center and possible relocation of the Mining and Mineral Museum.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:
The Board has historically supported legislation that will ultimately benefit the citizens of Mariposa County.

ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:
Do not authorize the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors to sign the letter. Individual Board members may write their own letters of support, which may not carry the same weight as a letter from the entire Board of Supervisors.
TO: SUPERVISOR CANN
FROM: MARGIE WILLIAMS, Clerk of the Board
SUBJECT: Consider Items Removed from the Consent Agenda

Res. 10-186

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MARIPOSA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

ADOPTED THIS Order on April 20, 2010

ACTION AND VOTE:

9 Consider Items Removed from the Consent Agenda
Item 114 – Discussion was held. (M)Aborn, (S)Turpin, item 114 was approved.
Supervisor Turpin asked the County Administrative Officer to provide information on
the property tax formula change to PILT payments for this land. Ayes: Unanimous.

CA-114 Supervisor Cann
Approve a Letter Supporting Proposed Legislation for the National Park Service to
Acquire Land in Mariposa County for a Visitors’ Center for Yosemite National Park
and Authorize the Board of Supervisors Chair to Sign the Letter; Res. 10-186

Cc: File
April 20, 2010

Honorable George Radanovich
United States Congress Member
2410 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congress Member Radanovich:

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,

KEVIN CANN
Chairman

KC/mbh

cc: Senator Feinstein
    Senator Boxer
    Superintendent Neubaucher
111th CONGRESS
1st Session

H. R. _____

To provide for a visitor center for visitors to Yosemite National Park, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

A BILL

To provide for a visitor center for visitors to Yosemite National Park, 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,

SECTION 1. YOSEMITE NATIONAL PARK VISITORS CENTER.

(a) ACQUISITION OF LANDS AND INTERESTS IN

LANDS.—The Secretary of the Interior may acquire not more than 18 acres of lands and interests in lands outside the boundaries of Yosemite National Park near the junc-

8. tion of highways CA–49 and CA–140 in the community
of Mariposa, California, to provide a site or sites for visitor
services and administrative purposes.

(b) PERMANENT IMPROVEMENTS FOR VISITOR SERV-
ICES AND ADMINISTRATIVE FACILITIES.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may use Fed-
eral and other available funds for the design, con-
struction, management, and maintenance of perma-

nent improvements to provide visitor services and
administrative facilities on lands and interests in
lands acquired under subsection (a).

(2) PLANNING.—When planning permanent im-
provements under paragraph (1), the Secretary
may—

(A) partner with Mariposa County on land
use planning related to the lands and interests
in lands acquired under subsection (a); and

(B) consider the feasibility of allowing the
State of California to locate the California
State Mining and Mineral Museum on the lands
and interests in lands acquired under sub-
section (a).
- White is discussion property
- Red is VFW
- Blue is PGE
- Turquoise is small parcels
- Magenta is Parcel 15
Fax

To: Congressman Radanovich  From: Margie Williams, Clerk of the Board

Attn: Michael Carreira, Legislative Director  For Chair Kevin Cann

Fax: (202) 225-3402  Pages: 2

Phone: (202) 225-4540  Date: 4/21/2010

Re: Legislation for the NPS to acquire land in Mariposa County for a visitors' center for Yosemite National Park

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• Comments:

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