

DEPARTMENT: Fire Protection

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RECOMMENDED ACTION AND JUSTIFICATION:

Resolution authorizing the Fire Chief to sign the grant application [page 1]
Resolution authorizing Fire Chief and CAO and Chairperson of the Board as signature authorities [page 2]
Resolution authorizing Fire Chief to sign the Grant Assurances [page 10]

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:

This grant is annual and requires a 1:1 match. Department salaries are our soft match. The grant provides funding to continue upgrades on the Emergency Plan. Revenue and expenditures will be reflected in the FY 2010-2011 budget.

ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

Forgo an opportunity to fund plan updates.

Financial Impact? () Yes (x) No	Current FY Cost: \$	Annual Recurring Cost: \$
Budgeted In Current FY? () Yes (x) No () Partially Funded		
Amount in Budget: \$ _____		List Attachments, number pages consecutively
Additional Funding Needed: \$ _____		[1] Executive Summary
Source: _____		[2] Application for Assistance
Internal Transfer _____		[3-4] Governing Body Resolution W/Authorized Agents Page
Unanticipated Revenue _____ 4/5's vote		[5-6] Project Narrative
Transfer Between Funds _____ 4/5's vote		[7-12] Grant Assurances
Contingency _____ 4/5's vote		[13] Budget Worksheet
() General () Other		[14] Additional Project Proposal

CLERK'S USE ONLY:

Res. No.: 10-216 Ord. No. _____
Vote - Ayes: 5 Noes: _____
Absent: _____
MWJ 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: *MWB*

Fiscal Year 2010/11
Emergency Management Performance Grant

Mariposa County's share of the Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) has increased substantially over the past two years. The Mariposa County Operational Area's (OA) allocation from this vital Federal block grant program has increased from approximately \$52,000 in 2008/09 to \$128,161 in 2010/11. EMPG is administered through Cal EMA and requires a 50 percent "soft" match. The match is met through allocations of Fire Department staff time, travel expenses, training seminars, and emergency management drills.

By accepting the increased funding in this upcoming budget year, Mariposa County Office of Emergency Services (OES) and the Fire Department, as the County's designated OES coordinator, is obligated to create a "product" to enhance the operational area's response to disasters and emergencies. Concurrently, County OES is also obligated to create and adopt a FEMA-approved Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP). While there has been considerable work completed in preparation for the HMP, a final document has yet to come to fruition. Without this plan, Mariposa County risks denial of future disaster reimbursement by FEMA

This increase in EMPG allocation will permit County OES to hire an Emergency Planner to complete the HMP as well as expand other State and Federally-mandated emergency management functions. Included in that list of tasks will be annual review of the Board-adopted Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP), updating the draft 2005 Emergency Operation Plan (EOP) and readying it for Board approval and blending the upcoming County Hazardous Materials Response Plan into the EOP. Additionally, a dedicated Emergency Planner will be tasked to create an Emergency Operations Center (EOC) Activation Plan. Included in this task will be an ongoing training program for designated EOC staff and planning and executing an annual EOC exercise.

Management of day-to-day disaster operations will also be consolidated in this position. It will enable a County OES staffer to specialize in declaring, managing, cost tracking and reimbursement billing for County disaster activity.

Federal and State mandates affecting local government's planning and mitigation of all-risk hazards are intensifying. Mariposa County OES has made slow but steady progress in complying with requirements but, in today's Homeland Security environment, there simply are inadequate financial resources available to fully comply in a timely manner. By hiring an emergency planner with the annual EMPG increase, County OES will be able to dramatically accelerate planning progress and achieve mandated compliance.