TO: RICK BENSON, CAO  
THOMAS P. GUARINO, County Counsel

FROM: MARGIE WILLIAMS, Clerk of the Board

SUBJECT: Discussion and Possible Further Action Regarding Continuation of the Local Emergency Due to Landslides on Highway 140 Enroute to Yosemite National Park (County Counsel/County Administrative Officer)

RESOLUTION 07-62

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MARIPOSA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

ADOPTED THIS Order on February 20, 2007

ACTION AND VOTE:

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BOARD ACTION: Rick Benson, County Administrative Officer, noted the information item on the agenda for the workshop scheduled for March 6th to gather information on the affects of the slide. He advised of a conference call on the rockslide and advised that CHP Commander Price joined in. He advised of the discussion with CalTrans relative to the definition of “emergency.” Since there is an interim fix, the project has been removed from the “emergency” list and the rules will need to be changed for CalTrans to proceed differently with the permanent fix. He advised that information will be gathered at the workshop on March 6th as to why this is still important and what the impacts are, and that this has the interest of our legislators. Supervisor Pickard commented on his contact with the legislators and on Senate President Pro Tem Don Perata’s commitment to see Highway 140 open to unrestricted traffic as soon as possible. Supervisor Bibby noted that she has a call in to the CalTrans Director to see how they worked around the emergency situation with repairing highways after the earthquake damages. Supervisor Pickard stated he feels the next step is to go to the Federal Highways Administration to try to get additional funding to modify the bridges or to pursue other options to allow for the vehicle length traffic that was previously allowed until a permanent solution can be completed. He suggested that CalTrans be asked to make another progress report. Supervisor Turpin agreed with the need to focus on a short-term fix to allow access for longer vehicles. Rick Benson advised that Channel 26 did a story on the situation the week before and is planning to attend the March 6th meeting. There was no public input. The Board concurred with sending a letter of invitation from the Chair to our federal and state legislators and to affected agencies for the March 6th workshop. (M)Fritz, (S)Aborn, Res. 07-62 was adopted finding the local emergency due to the landslides on Highway 140 enroute to Yosemite National Park continues to exist, and continuing the local emergency based on the findings/Ayes: Unanimous.

Cc: Dana Hertfelder, Public Works Director  
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