DEPARTMENT: Board of Supervisors

BY: Bob Pickard
PHONE: 966-3222

RECOMMENDED ACTION AND JUSTIFICATION:

Authorize the Chairman to sign a letter supporting the grant application to the California Cultural and Historical Endowment for Proposition 40 funds to assist in the construction of the California State Mining and Mineral Museum. Land has been secured for the future site of the California State Mining and Mineral Museum, but additional funding is needed to begin construction of the new facility.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:

The Board has authorized the Chairman to sign letters supporting grant applications and programs that will benefit the communities and citizens of Mariposa County.

ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

Amend the letter and authorize the Chairman to sign the amended letter.

Do not authorize the Chairman to sign the letter. Individual Board members may sign letters in support of the grant application.

Financial Impact? ( ) Yes (X) No  Current FY Cost: $
Budgeted In Current FY? ( ) Yes ( ) No ( ) Partially Funded
Amount in Budget: $ 
Additional Funding Needed: $ 
Source:
Internal Transfer
Unanticipated Revenue ______ 4/5's vote
Transfer Between Funds ______ 4/5's vote
Contingency ______ 4/5's vote
( ) General ( ) Other

CLERK’S USE ONLY:
Res. No.:  Ord. No. 
Vote – Ayes: ______  Noes: ______  Absent: ______  
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: 

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September 28, 2004

Mr. Ted Hilliard, Executive Director
Fund for the Preservation of the
California State Mining and Mineral Museum
Post Office Box 5008.254
Mariposa, California 95338

Dear Mr. Hilliard:

Today the Mariposa County Board of Supervisors adopted a Resolution supporting your application to the California Cultural and Historical Endowment for Proposition 40 funds to assist in the construction of the proposed new home for the California State Mining and Mineral Museum in Mariposa.

The eleven acres of land that you have already secured for the future site of the museum is situated in an ideal location on a major all-weather route used by visitors going to Yosemite National Park. Plans to expand the interpretive scope to better tell the story of modern day mining, as well as the history of mining in California and its impacts on our economy, settlement patterns, and on the diverse population, will enhance the historic nature of our county. The Museum will be a great economic benefit to Mariposa County by further enticing travelers to spend a day in the county.

The new expanded facility will help to strengthen programs such as the one between the State Mining and Mineral Museum and the new University of California at Merced on teaching and research projects that will utilize the Museum’s unique 13,000 specimen collection as an academic resource. Tours conducted for public schools will also greatly benefit from the new facility.

The Mariposa County Board of Supervisors supports your efforts in seeking funding for the construction of new facility for the California State Mining and Mineral Museum and believes that this project meets the intent of Proposition 40 funding.

Sincerely,

GARRY R. PARKER
Chairman

GRP/mbh

bcc: Margie Williams, Clerk of the Board