DEPARTMENT: Board of Supervisors  

BY: Bob Pickard  

PHONE: 966-3222

RECOMMENDED ACTION AND JUSTIFICATION:

Authorize the Chairman to sign a letter supporting the transition of California Youth Authority (CYA) employees who worked at the Mt. Bullion Camp Facility to return to the facility as an employee of the California Department of Corrections (CDC). In March 2004, CYA recommended the closing of the Mt. Bullion Camp due to State budget reductions and the Camp was closed in June 2004. The closing of the CYA camp at Mt. Bullion earlier this year forced many Mariposa CYA employees to search for new employment outside of Mariposa County or to retire much earlier than planned. For fire protection purposes, CDC fire crews have been temporarily housed at the Camp since June 2004.

CYA and CDC are two separate departments within the State employee system, but the employees in these departments are in the same Union and have very similar job qualifications and duties. The California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CDF) is in the process of having the State approve a contract with CDC to permanently house fire crews at the Mt. Bullion Camp. There is a possibility that CYA employees who formerly worked at the Mt. Bullion Camp may be able to transition to CDC. This transition will allow for the retention of employees who are familiar with Mt. Bullion Camp and the surrounding communities.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:

The Board has authorized the Chairman to sign letters that are in the best interest of the citizens of Mariposa County.

ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

Direct that changes be made to the letter.  
Do not authorize the Chairman to sign the letter.

Financial Impact? ( ) Yes ( ) No  
Current FY Cost: $

Budgeted In Current FY? ( ) Yes ( ) No ( ) Partially Funded

Amount in Budget: $  
Additional Funding Needed: $  

Source:
Internal Transfer
Unanticipated Revenue
Transfer Between Funds
Contingency
( ) General ( ) Other

Annual Recurring Cost: $

List Attachments, number pages consecutively

Draft of Letter

CLERK’S USE ONLY:
Res. No.: 5  
Ord. No.______
Vote – Ayes: 5  
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:

Revised Dec. 2002
August 17, 2004

Mr. Roderick Q. Hickman
Secretary of Youth and Adult Correctional Agency
1515 'S' Street
Sacramento, California 95814

Dear Secretary Hickman:

On July 20, 2004, a representative from the California Department Forestry Fire Division (CDF) informed the Mariposa County Board of Supervisors that plans are in place to reopen the Mt. Bullion CYA Camp in Mariposa County as a California Department of Corrections (CDC) Fire Protection Camp.

In Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger's Proposed 2004-05 Budget, the California Department of Youth Authority (CYA) recommended the closure of the Mt. Bullion CYA Camp in Mariposa County due to state budget reductions and the lack of a qualified ward population. During the state budget process Mariposa County and its residents fought very hard to retain the Mt. Bullion CYA Camp but in June 2004 the Mt. Bullion CYA Camp was closed. Now the County has learned that a CDC Fire Protection Camp is being planned to operate at Mt. Bullion with fire crews to be provided to CDF.

The closure of the Mt. Bullion CYA Camp has forced Mariposa CYA employees to search for new employment outside Mariposa County or to retire much earlier than planned. Currently, CDF is in the process of having the State approve a contract with CDC to permanently house fire crews at the Mt. Bullion Camp. For these and other reasons the Mariposa County Board of Supervisors strongly requests that former Mt. Bullion CYA employees be afforded eligibility to transition to the Mt. Bullion CDC Fire Protection Camp. This transition will allow for the retention of employees who are familiar with the Mt. Bullion Camp and the surrounding communities.

We hope you will give this request your thoughtful consideration. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

GARRY R. PARKER
Chairman

GRP/BP/mbh

cc: Mariposa County Board of Supervisors
County Administrative Officer
Congressman, George Radanovich
Governor, Arnold Schwarzenegger
Senator, Chuck Poochigan
Assembly Member, Dave Cogdill
Strategic Local Government Services
Regional Council of Rural Counties
Director CYA, Walter Allen III

bcc: Margie Williams, Clerk of the Board
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MARIPOSA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

MINUTE ORDER

TO: BOB PICKARD, District V Supervisor
FROM: MARGIE WILLIAMS, Clerk of the Board

SUBJECT: LETTER SUPPORTING THE TRANSITION OF CALIFORNIA YOUTH AUTHORITY
EMPLOYEES WHO WORKED AT THE MT. BULLION CAMP FACILITY TO RETURN
AS AN EMPLOYEE OF THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS
Resolution No. 04-388

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MARIPOSA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA,

ADOPTED THIS Order on August 17, 2004

ACTION AND VOTE:

Bob Pickard, Supervisor District V;
Authorize the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors to Execute a Letter to the Secretary of Corrections in
Support of Contracting Former California Youth Authority Employees with California Department of
Corrections for Fire Fighting Crews at the Mt. Bullion Camp Facility

BOARD ACTION: Supervisor Pickard initiated discussion. He also noted that there has been no response
from CDF relative to the request for information on the environmental review and CEQA process for the
CDC program. (M)Pickard, (S)Bibby, Res. 04-388 was adopted approving the letter to the Secretary of
Corrections/Ayes: Unanimous. Supervisor Pickard asked the County Administrative Officer to follow up
with CDF to ascertain the status of the EIR.

cc: Rich Inman, County Administrative Officer
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