**RECOMMENDED ACTION AND JUSTIFICATION:**

Adopt Resolution Authorizing the County to Apply for a Grant from the State Water Resources Control Board for the Planning, Design and Construction of the Don Pedro Wastewater Treatment Facility

Public Works is requesting that the Board adopt a resolution to allow the County to apply for a grant from the State Water Resources Control Board for the planning, design and construction of the Don Pedro Wastewater Treatment Facility. This type of grant has recently become available and Public Works was successful in elevating the project's priority rating with the State. Consequently, staff is now recommending Board support in an attempt to secure this possible funding.

The deadline for the grant application is August 25, 2004 so time is of the essence. For more background, please refer to the attached memorandum from Fred Solomon.

**BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:**

The Board has authorized an application for a United States Department of Agriculture Loan for the project. The grant may reduce the amount needed to borrow thus reducing possible assessments to the affected property owners.

**ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:**

Negative action may result in the inability to complete the grant application and possibly lose an alternative funding source for the Don Pedro Wastewater Treatment Facility.

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Financial Impact? (x) Yes ( ) No  Current FY Cost: $  
Budgeted In Current FY? (x) 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  
1. Solomon/Petropulos memo dated July 27, 2004  
2. Resolution  

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**CLERK'S USE ONLY:**

Res. No.: 04-378  
Ord. No. ______  
Vote – Ayes: 4  
Nees: ___  
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
MEMO

To: J. Petropulos, Director of Public Works
From: Fred S. Solomon
Date: July 27, 2004
Re: Don Pedro Wastewater Treatment Facility Grant Application

Recommended Action: The Mariposa County Board of Supervisors adopt a Resolution authorizing the making of an application for a grant from the State Water Resources Control Board for the planning, design, and construction of the Don Pedro Wastewater Treatment Facility.

Discussion: As you know, I have been reviewing the potential for obtaining grant funds for the planning, design, and construction of the Don Pedro Wastewater Treatment Facility. The most promising source is the State of California Water Resources Control Board's Small Community Wastewater Grant Program. Until recently, the guidelines and funding for such a grant were not available. During the period of time that we were waiting for the establishment of the guidelines and funding, we were successful in getting our project a Class A Classification and Ranking by the State Water Resources Control Board (the project had been given a Class C Classification and Ranking). The Class A ranking will increase the potential for receiving grant assistance.

I recently attended a meeting of the California Financing Coordinating Committee in Sacramento. The Committee membership consists of a number of State and Federal agencies which assist communities with the financing of infrastructure projects including wastewater treatment facilities. At that meeting, I learned that applications were being accepted by the State Water Resources Control Board for loans/grants under the Small Community Wastewater Grant Program through August 25, 2004.

The Mariposa County Board of Supervisors has previously authorized the application for a loan in the amount of $2,880,000 from the United States Department of Agriculture for the project. The amount of a grant would reduce the amount needed to be borrowed and consequently reduce the amount to be assessed to property owners in Sewer District One.
I am currently working through the grant application forms, one of which is a required Resolution to be adopted by the Board of Supervisors authorizing the making of the application for a grant. Given the short time frame for submittal of the grant application, I recommend that such a Resolution be adopted at the earliest possible time. I have prepared and attached a Resolution for consideration by the Board.
RESOLUTION NO.: 04-378

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR A GRANT FROM THE STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD FOR THE PLANNING, DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF THE DON PEDRO WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY

WHEREAS, the County of Mariposa desires to finance the costs of constructing the Don Pedro Wastewater Treatment Facility, including treatment and effluent storage facilities, pipelines, irrigation and other infrastructure (the “Project”); and

WHEREAS, the County of Mariposa intends to finance the construction of the Project or portions of the Project with moneys (“Project Funds”) provided by the State of California acting by and through the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB).

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mariposa County Board of Supervisors that the County Administrative Officer is hereby authorized and directed to sign and file, for and on behalf of the County of Mariposa, a Financial Assistance Application for a grant from the State Water Resources Control Board in the amount not to exceed $2,033,280 for the planning, design and construction of the Don Pedro Wastewater Treatment Facility; and

BE IT RESOLVED that the County of Mariposa hereby agrees and further does authorize the aforementioned representative or his designee to certify that the Agency has and will comply with all applicable state and federal statutory and regulatory requirements related to any federal and state grants received; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Administrative Officer or his designee of the County of Mariposa, is hereby authorized to negotiate a grant contract and, subject to approval of such contract by the Mariposa County Board of Supervisors, is hereby authorized to execute a grant contract and any amendments, change orders thereto and certify grant disbursements on behalf of the County of Mariposa.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Mariposa County Board of Supervisors this 10th day of August, 2004, by the following vote:

AYES: STETSON, BALMAIN, BIBBY, PICKARD

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: PARKER

ABSTAINED: NONE

GARRY B. PARKER, Chair
Mariposa County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

MARGIE WILLIAMS, Clerk of the Board

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY

THOMAS P. GUARINO, County Counsel

ATTACHMENT #2