DEPARTMENT: Board of Supervisors

BY: Supervisor Stetson
PHONE: 966-3222

RECOMMENDED ACTION AND JUSTIFICATION:

Approve the release of Request for Qualifications for the operation of the Mariposa Amphitheater during the summer

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:

There is the possibility that a Performing Arts Department of a major university or a performing arts company may be interested in partnering with the County in operating the county amphitheater during the summer months. This request is to issue a Request for Qualifications to solicit interest from various institutions. If there are interested parties then the issue will come back to the Board for further direction.

ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

Take no action and have the county operate the Amphitheater.

Financial Impact? ( ) Yes ( X ) No

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

Amount in Budget: $____

Additionl Funding Needed: $____

Source:

Internal Transfer
Unanticipated Revenue
Transfer Between Funds
Contingency

( ) General ( ) Other

List Attachments, number pages consecutively

Request for Qualifications

CLERK’S USE ONLY:
Res. No.: 04-103 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: _______
REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS

SUMMER OPERATION OF MARIPOSA COUNTY AMPHITHEATER

PURPOSE

The County of Mariposa is soliciting interest among university drama departments and other performing companies to operate the county’s amphitheater during the summer months. The ultimate goal would be to establish a long term relationship that would provide the county with professional assistance in the operation and production of theater in the amphitheater and simultaneously provide a university drama department or other performing company an opportunity to expose its students to a special and unique performing environment.

ABOUT MARIPOSA COUNTY

The County of Mariposa is located in central California within the San Joaquin Valley and the central Sierra Nevada. The county sweeps from the golden foothills to the towering Sierra with elevations ranging from 300 feet to 14,000 feet. The county has an area of approximately 1,455 square miles of which nearly half is publicly owned and managed by Yosemite National Park, the Bureau of Land Management and the Sierra and Stanislaus national forests. The heart of Mariposa is Yosemite National Park and the Yosemite Valley. While the population of Mariposa is approximately 20,000 over 3 million visitors are attracted to Yosemite each year with over 1 million visitors passing through the township of Mariposa usually during the summer months. The township of Mariposa is a unique and quaint place to visit. It boasts the oldest courthouse (1854) still is use west of the Rockies and has a variety of historical sites and museums. The county abounds in recreational activities including white water rafting on the wild and scenic Merced River and boating and fishing on Lake McClure.

ABOUT THE MARIPOSA COUNTY AMPHITHEATER

The amphitheater—an entirely new facility—is located in beautiful Mariposa County Park, within easy walking distance of many local motels. The theater contains more than 3600 square feet and is fully handicap-accessible for audience and performers alike. Enclosed and secured by sliding doors, the raised stage alone provides 1,566 square feet of flexible performance space, with headroom rising from 26 feet at center to 12 feet at the sides. Substantial wing space provides access to the stage, and the backstage area boasts 3 dressing rooms, two restrooms, greenroom, sound room and electrical room. Heavy stage props and equipment may be loaded directly onto the stage through an overhead door. The building has a 400 amp electrical service and the stage has 8 floor outlets.

Tiered seating overlooking the township of Mariposa and the surrounding foothills provides for approximately 300 people with additional seating available on the
adjoining grassed areas. Substantial parking is available and area lighting covers the parking lot, walkways and seating areas.

**NEXT STEP**

If your organization has an interest in exploring this opportunity it is requested that you provide the county with a letter of interest submitted to **Mr. Rich Inman, County Administrative Officer, P.O. Box 784, Mariposa, CA 95338** or you may [email your response to rinman@mariposacounty.org](mailto:rinman@mariposacounty.org). This letter of interest would simply indicate that your organization is interested in exploring a possible relationship with the County of Mariposa and the local art community and identify the person with whom the county should be working with.

Your indication of interest should be received no later than **Friday, April 30, 2004**.
MARIPOSA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

MINUTE ORDER

TO: RICH INMAN, County Administrative Officer
FROM: MARGIE WILLIAMS, Clerk of the Board
SUBJECT: RELEASE OF QUALIFICATIONS FOR OPERATION OF MARIPOSA AMPHITHEATER
Resolution No. 04-103

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MARIPOSA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA,

ADOPTED THIS Order on March 16, 2004

ACTION AND VOTE:

10:06 a.m. Lee Stetson, Supervisor District I;
Approve the Release of Request for Qualifications for Summer Operation of Mariposa County Amphitheater

BOARD ACTION: Supervisor Stetson initiated discussion.
Input was provided by the following:
- Donna Brownell, Executive Director of the Mariposa Arts Council, advised that there are a number of projects underway that may be able to put quality performing arts events at the Amphitheater. She asked what the County’s goals are with the proposed action. She stated they want to be supportive.
- Chairman Parker noted the need to establish a use policy for the Amphitheater and the Arts Park.
- Bill Tucker asked who will be in charge of the Amphitheater and whether restroom facilities are available.
- Eleanor Keuning asked when the grand opening will be held. Supervisor Stetson advised that they are looking at May or possibly June for a gala opening.
(M)Stetson, (S)Pickard, Res. 04-103 was adopted approving the release of Request for Qualifications/ Ayes: Unanimous.

cc: Lee Stetson, Supervisor District II
Jim Petropulos, Public Works Director
Rich Begely, Deputy Director Parks & Recreation
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