DEPARTMENT: PWD/Engineering       BY: Jim Petropulos
PHONE: 966-5356

RECOMMENDED ACTION AND JUSTIFICATION:

Authorize the Public Works Department, in cooperation with the Lions Club, to plant a Living Christmas Tree at the Courthouse instead of using a cut tree. Walt Bonner, the Lions Club member in charge of this project, has received a recommendation from Mr. Hickman, the Form Advisor, on a species of tree that would do well at the Courthouse site. The recommendation is a Colorado Blue Spruce, and the variety chosen will grow to be 12-15 feet tall.

In addition to planting the tree, the Lions Club would like to construct a new power supply near the tree for lighting purposes. In the past they have strung power cords on the ground, which are safety concerns. The new power supply would be brought into a small plaque that would record the tree's purpose.

A recommendation from the Historic Sites and Preservation Committee will be supplied to the Board Members on the day of this Agenda Item.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:

The Lions Club has been involved with the annual Christmas Community Program for many years.

ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

The Lions Club would need to continue locating and transporting a cut tree for the annual Christmas Program. Time is of the essence for this year's growing season.

Financial Impact? ( ) Yes (X) No  Current FY Cost: $0.00  Annual Recurring Cost: $0.00
Budgeted In Current FY? ( ) Yes ( ) No ( ) Partially Funded
Amount in Budget: $                    List Attachments, number pages consecutively
Additional Funding Needed: $              1. Site Plan
Source:                                  2. Lions Club Letter
Internal Transfer                       3. Tree Information
Unanticipated Revenue                   4. Janet Bibby's Letter
4/5's vote                               5. Budget
Transfer Between Funds                   4/5's vote
4/5's vote                               6. Marketing
Contingency                              4/5's vote
( ) General ( ) Other

CLERK'S USE ONLY:
Res. No. 04-2004       Ord. No.       Requested Action Recommended
Vote – Ayes: 5           Noes:        □ No Opinion
Absent:                  □ Other
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:

CAO:  

Revised Dec. 2002
NOTES:
1. SCIENTIFIC NAME FOR COLORADO BLUE SPRUCE IS Picea pungens f. glauca 'Fat Albert'
2. ELECTRIC SERVICE TO BE 2-20 AMP. CIRCUITS IN SCH.-40 CONDUIT
18-24" DEEP CONNECTED TO EXISTING PANEL

SCALE: 1"=40'

PROPOSED LOCATION OF LIVING TREE
MARIPOSA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

MINUTE ORDER

TO: JIM PETROPULOS, Public Works Director
FROM: MARGIE WILLIAMS, Clerk of the Board

SUBJECT: AUTHORIZATION TO PLANT A LIVING HOLIDAY TREE AT THE COURTHOUSE
Resolution No. 04-104

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MARIPOSA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA,

ADOPTED THIS Order on March 16, 2004

ACTION AND VOTE:

Jim Petropulos, Public Works Director;
   A) Authorize Public Works, in Cooperation with the Lions Club, to Plant a Living Christmas Tree at the Courthouse Instead of Using a Cut Tree

BOARD ACTION: Discussion was held with Jim Petropulos, and he advised that the Historical Sites and Records Preservation Commission is still checking on the type of tree being recommended. Walt Bonner, Lions Club, provided information on their work on this project and their research to select a tree.
   - Eleanor Keuning, current Chair of the Historical Sites and Records Preservation Commission, advised that they would like Steve McQueen, a local arborist, to see if there is a tree that would be more appropriate with the terrain and historic nature of the Courthouse.
   - (M)Bibby, (S)Stetson, Res. 04-104 was adopted approving the request for a living holiday tree, with direction for the Interim Planning Director to be involved in the selection of the type of tree/Ayes: Unanimous.

cc: Sarah Williams, Interim Planning Director
    Rich Begely, Deputy Director Parks & Recreation
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