RECOMMENDED ACTION AND JUSTIFICATION:

Resolution Authorizing Public Works to Apply for Global Positing System (GPS) Instrument Approach at the Mariposa/Yosemite Airport from the Federal Aviation Administration

Public Works is requesting support of the County's request for a GPS instrument approach at the airport. The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) is willing to consider a request from Mariposa County to develop an instrument approach for the airport at no cost to the County.

An instrument approach will improve accessibility to the airport during marginal weather conditions. The technology for the navigational aids is rapidly evolving to the extent that the FAA is now considering implementing more sophisticated methods to improve and/or allow aircraft operations during poor weather conditions.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:

N/A

ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

The technology for instrument approaches is rapidly evolving. As a result, Mariposa County may have the opportunity to improve airport utility and safety during a limited time while FAA assistance is available.