DEPARTMENT: Public Works/Admin

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RECOMMENDED ACTION AND JUSTIFICATION:
Public Hearing on the Don Pedro Wastewater Treatment Facility - Notice of Intent to Apply for United States Department of Agriculture Loan and Authorizing the County Administrative Officer and/or the Public Works Director to Execute the Application Documents.

Resolution authorizing staff to apply for a loan from the United States Department of Agriculture in the amount of $3,000,000 for construction of the Don Pedro Wastewater.

This action in no way obligates the Board to accept the loan or proceed with the project. It is recommended only to avail the County of an excellent financing opportunity that includes a low-interest rate estimated at 4.6% and a repayment schedule of up to forty years. Proceeds from a proposed Proposition 218 Assessment vote would be used to make the payments for the loan.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:
The Don Pedro Wastewater Facility is currently operating under a cease and desist order from the California Regional Water Quality Control Board. The system is old and in need of replacement. In addition, demand has been increasing with several new sewer hook-ups during the past year. The Board has taken several actions to support the reconstruction of the system including the hiring of consulting engineers to satisfy the cease and desist order. The County has also used USDA loans to finance other projects including the Fleet Shop, the County Administration Center and the Compost facility. Over the past year, several design options have been investigated. The options have been narrowed down to two that will be fully explained to the Board with recommendations during the next few weeks.

ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:
The Board may elect to pursue other funding options for the project although staff is unaware of any that offer better terms than the USDA.

Financial Impact? ( ) Yes ( ) No Current FY Cost: $
Budgeted In Current FY? (X) Yes ( ) No ( ) Partially Funded
Amount in Budget: $ 
Additional Funding Needed: $ 
List Attachments, number pages consecutively
Source:
Internal Transfer
Unanticipated Revenue
Transfer Between Funds
Contingency
( ) General ( ) Other

CLERK'S USE ONLY:
Res. No.: 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

Revised Dec. 2002

COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER:
Requested Action Recommended
No Opinion
Comments:

CAO:
PUBLIC NOTICE

The Mariposa County Board of Supervisors will hold a Public Meeting on February 17, 2004, at 11:00 a.m. in the Board Chambers, Government Center, 5100 Bullion Street, Mariposa, California, to inform the general public regarding the construction of a wastewater treatment facility in Lake Don Pedro Sewer Zone 1 and the notice of intent to file an application for an RUS loan from the Rural Development, United States Department of Agriculture at 2135 W. Wardrobe Ave., Suite A, Merced, CA 95340-6490.

County staff will be available to answer questions and explain the project.
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MARIPOSA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
MINUTE ORDER  

TO:      JIM PETROPULOS, Public Works Director  
FROM:    MARGIE WILLIAMS, Clerk of the Board  
SUBJECT: PUBLIC HEARING RELATIVE TO THE DON PEDRO WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY – NOTICE OF INTENT TO APPLY FOR UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE LOAN  
        Resolution No. 04-66  

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MARIPOSA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA,  
ADOPTED THIS Order on February 17, 2004  

ACTION AND VOTE:  

11:26 a.m. Jim Petropulos, Public Works Director;  
A) PUBLIC HEARING Relative to the Don Pedro Wastewater Treatment Facility Notice of Intent to Apply for United States Department of Agriculture Loan and Authorizing the County Administrative Officer and/or the Public Works Director to Execute the Application Documents; and  
B) Status Report Relative to Don Pedro Wastewater Facility Project  

BOARD ACTION: Jim Petropulos introduced the item, and he responded to questions from the Board relative to the Proposition 218 process and timelines for this project. Fred Solomon reviewed the history of the project and the advertising and notification that was done for this hearing. He reviewed the two proposed alternative designs and cost estimates and recommendation. Staff responded to questions from the Board as to whether the loan would cover all costs for the project, including the processing and land acquisition, and relative to “full build-out” of the facility.  
   The public portion of the hearing was opened and input was provided by the following:  
   - Cathy of Lake Don Pedro Realty asked if this project will be adequate for the future for the Lake Don Pedro area. Vice-Chairman Balmain advised that the whole subdivision is not included in this district. She asked for clarification that the recommended alternative is to acquire an adjacent 40-acre site for storage and disposal versus use of the golf course. Vice-Chairman Balmain advised that the recommended alternative is to acquire an adjacent 40-acre site.  
The public portion of the hearing was closed and the Board commenced with deliberations. Staff responded to questions from the Board relative to the application and design process and working on both concurrently. (M)Pickard, (S)Stetson, Res. 04-66 was adopted authorizing the application for a $3,000,000 loan for construction of the Don Pedro Wastewater project; and authorizing the County Administrative
Officer and/or the Public Works Director to execute the application documents. Supervisor Bibby clarified that County Counsel would review all of the documents. Ayes: Stetson, Balmain, Bibby, Pickard; Excused: Parker. The hearing was closed.

cc: Rich Inman, County Administrative Officer
    Ken Hawkins, Auditor
    Mary Hodson, Administrative Analyst
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