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MARIPOSA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

MINUTE ORDER

TO: SUPERVISOR PICKARD

FROM: MARGIE WILLIAMS, Clerk of the Board *hmw*

SUBJECT: Off Agenda Requests – Letter Opposing SB910 and State Budget Cuts
Resolution No. 02-212
02-213

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MARIPOSA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA,

ADOPTED THIS Order on June 11, 2002

ACTION AND VOTE:

- Supervisor Pickard advised of two off-agenda requests. (M)Pickard, (S)Parker, Board waived rules requiring 72 hours agenda noticing to consider the following requests, finding that they were a matter of timeliness and were not known about at the time the agenda was prepared: 1) draft letter to Assemblyman Cogdill expressing concern relative to proposed State budget cuts; and 2) draft letter opposing SB 910, which requires a local government's General Plan to be dictated by a state agency with no voter accountability/Ayes: Unanimous. It was agreed that these two items would be further considered later this date.

Supervisor Pickard initiated discussion relative to the two off-agenda items that he advised of earlier this date.

Discussion was held relative to the letter concerning the proposed State budget issues. (M)Pickard, (S)Reilly, Res. 02-212 was adopted approving the letter, with copies to be sent to our legislators, members of the Joint Budget Conference Committee and others as requested/Ayes: Unanimous.

Discussion was held relative to the draft letter opposing SB 910. (M)Reilly, (S)Pickard, Res. 02-213 was adopted opposing SB 910, which requires a local government's General Plan to be dictated by a state agency with no voter accountability, with direction for the draft letter to be condensed/Ayes: Unanimous.

cc: File

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June 12, 2002

The Honorable Joseph Dunn
California State Senate
State Capitol, Room 2080
Sacramento, California 95814

Re: **Opposition to SB 910**

Dear Senator Dunn:

I regret to inform you that the Mariposa County Board of Supervisors is opposed to SB 910 unless amended. SB 910 has two components; first is the Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) and second is proposing changes in process, imposing State approval, changing presumption of validity, and imposing penalties. If approved in its current form SB 910 empowers the State Department of Housing and Community Development to override the legislative choices of local government. SB 910 shifts to a State agency a nearly two-decade old legislative policy (Government Code section 65300.7). Local governments have the responsibility to accommodate local conditions and interpret how those local conditions meet minimum General Plan requirements.

Mariposa County believes that local governments are best equipped to validate the needs of local residents by reflecting those needs in an updated Housing Element while meeting statutory requirements. The Department of Housing and Community Development is responsible for providing assistance to and enforcing these statutes and should not be empowered to dictate over local government's General Plan as a State agency with no voter accountability.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration of our concerns.

Sincerely,

Robert C. Stewart
Chairman

Cc: Senator Chuck Pochigian
Assembly Member Dave Cogdill
Assembly Member Patricia Wiggins
Assembly Member Alan Lowenthal
Mariposa County Board of Supervisors
Dale Wagerman, Wagerman and Associates
Brent Harrington, Regional Council of Rural Counties
DeAnn Baker, California State Association of Counties

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June 11, 2002

The Honorable Dave Cogdill
California Assembly Member
State Capitol, Room 4208
Sacramento, California 95814

RE: Proposed State Budget Cuts

Dear Assembly Member Cogdill:

The Mariposa County Board of Supervisors is very concerned about various proposed budget items that will adversely affect our ability to provide services to our constituents. The State is not being realistic in its demands that counties maintain services at the same level in a bad budget year as we have in good years. Our small rural county does not have the population resources to draw upon to increase fees or impose additional taxes to make up for the State's proposed budget cuts. In addition, you should be aware that much of the land in this county is State and Federally owned, therefore Mariposa County has no control over those lands and/or resource allocation related to them.

The proposed elimination of the Williamson Act subvention funding will amount to a reduction in general fund discretionary dollars of \$200,000. This is equivalent to three Deputy Sheriffs, which is fifteen-percent of our Deputy Sheriffs that are funded with general fund dollars. This amount is also equivalent to fifty-three percent of our total Library budget. In addition to the reduction in critical services, the Assessor's office would be required to absorb the additional workload as a result of the re-assessment of properties, because it is not realistic for State representatives to assume that counties will continue to participate in a program they cannot pay for.

In addition to the proposed elimination of the Williamson Act subvention funding, the State is proposing a \$25 reimbursement fee to be remitted by counties to the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CDF). This proposed \$25 fee is on each structure within the State Responsibility Area (SRA) that is over 500 square feet and is intended for use by, or regularly entered by humans. This measure would result in a \$189,000 reduction to Mariposa County's discretionary general fund dollars.

The result of the proposed elimination of the Juvenile Justice grant is a loss of \$57,541, which funds a Probation Officer who oversees the Truancy Intervention Program. This important program has greatly reduced problems associated with truancy in our elementary schools, middle school, and high school.

The "passing on" of Federal penalties to the counties for the State's failure to implement a statewide automated child support collection system is very unreasonable and is in fact punitive. Mariposa County participated fully with all State mandates and requirements relative to the State automated child support collection system. The failure to implement the system was the State's doing, not Mariposa County's. Even more critical is that the State is proposing language that will require counties to pay their portion of the penalties with general fund dollars rather than making cuts to the Child Support Services program. Mariposa County strongly opposes this action and if the State does decide to "pass on" the Federal penalties to counties, then the county's portion should be in the form of cuts to the Child Support Services Program, rather than to the County's already limited general fund dollars.

The Children's System of Care (CSOC) was totally eliminated from the Governor's proposed budget. Senate and Assembly efforts to restore the program are greatly appreciated. This program prevents and reduces the use of extremely costly out-of-home care, and needs to be restored to the one-hundred-percent level.

Mariposa County requests that the State considers postponing the In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) mandate, especially during this lean budget year. The under-funded IHSS mandate, resulting from AB 1682, will dictate how a county spends a very large portion of its realignment revenue. This under-funded mandate will also remove the decision-making authority of the County in determining the priority of services paid for from our realignment money that help our most vulnerable citizens.

Thank you for considering the impact the proposed budget cuts will have on Mariposa County, and ultimately the citizens of our County. Please forward our concerns to your fellow members.

Sincerely,



ROBERT C. STEWART
Chairman

RCS/mbh

cc: Regional Council of Rural Counties
California State Association of Counties
Wagerman Associates, Incorporated

bcc: Margie Williams, Clerk of the Board

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June 3, 2002

A ~~to~~ letter was also sent to
the following:

Senators

John Burton, Senate President Pro Tempore: Room 205, fax: (916) 445-4722

Jim Brulte, Minority Floor Leader: Room 305, fax: (916) 327-2272

Dick Ackerman, Joint Budget Conference Committee: Room 4066, fax: (916) 445-9754

Wes Chesbro, Joint Budget Conference Committee: Room 4081, fax: (916) 323-6958

Steve Peace, Chair, Joint Budget Conference Committee: Room 3060, fax: (916) 327-3522

Chuck Poochigian

Assembly Members

Herb Wesson, Speaker of the Assembly: Room 219, fax: (916) 319-2147

Dave Cox, Minority Floor Leader: Room 3104, fax: (916) 319-2105

Jenny Oropeza, Joint Budget Conference Committee: Room 6026, fax: (916) 319-2155

Darrell Steinberg, Joint Budget Conference Committee: Room 5136, fax: (916) 319-2109

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