

DEPARTMENT: Fire Protection BY: Blaine Shultz PHONE: 966-4330

RECOMMENDED ACTION AND JUSTIFICATION: (Policy Item: YES () NO (X))

The Southwest Interface Task Force, represents the Stanislaus National Forest, Mariposa County Fire Department, California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, Madera Mariposa Merced Ranger Unit, Tuolumne-Calaveras Ranger Unit, the Bureau of Land Management, and CDF-Tuolumne County Fire. Mission of the task force is to prepare a strategic plan for the area bounded by Hwy 49, North Fork of the Merced River, the Tuolumne River and Yosemite.

The Task Force is requesting a resolution of endorsement of the "SWIFT" Project (Southwest Interface Team) by the Board of Supervisors. Resolution is attached.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:

The Southwest Interface Team presented the SWIFT Project to the Board of Supervisors in July 1999.

LIST ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

COSTS: (X) Not Applicable
A. Budget current FY \$
B. Total anticipated costs \$
C. Required Additional funding \$ -0-
D. Internal transfers \$ -0-

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:
List the attachments and number the pages consecutively

SOURCE: () 4/5ths Vote Required
A. Unanticipated revenues \$ _____
B. Reserve for contingencies \$ _____
C. Source Description: _____ Contingency
D. Balance in reserve for contingencies if approved: \$ _____

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ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS RECOMMENDATIONS

Resolution No: 00-25 Order No: _____
Vote - Ayes 5 Noes _____
AWJ Absent _____ Abstained _____
() Approved () Denied
() Minute Order Attached () No action necessary
The foregoing instrument is a correct copy of the original on file in this office.

This item on agenda as:
 Recommended
 For policy determination
 Submitted with comment
 Return for further action

Date:

Comments:

ATTEST: MARGIE WILLIAMS, Clerk of the Board
County of Mariposa, State of California

By: _____
Deputy

A.O. Initials: [Signature]

MARIPOSA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
RESOLUTION NO. 00-25

A RESOLUTION ENDORSING THE SWIFT (SOUTHWEST INTERFACE TEAM)

WHEREAS, the Stanislaus National Forest has experienced a series of catastrophic fires in the last two decades which have consumed over 60% of the Groveland Ranger District; and

WHEREAS, additional devastating fires have ravaged adjoining Federal, State and private lands to the south and west of the Groveland Ranger District; and

WHEREAS, when catastrophic fires occur, significant damage is done to timber resources and watersheds, and overall forest health is compromised; and

WHEREAS, catastrophic fires imperil life and property, and cause short and long term economic impacts; and

WHEREAS, the Stanislaus National Forest has developed a process guide to address these concerns, known as Strategic Fire and Resource Protection Planning; and

WHEREAS, a multi-agency, cross-jurisdictional project to implement Strategic Fire and Resource Protection Planning known as the SouthWest Interface Team (SWIFT) has been initiated; and

WHEREAS, SWIFT is comprised of representatives from the Bureau of Land Management, the Stanislaus National Forest, the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, the Mariposa County Fire Department and the Tuolumne County Fire Department; and


WHEREAS, SWIFT has designated an area of approximately 130,000 acres located in Southern Tuolumne County and Northern Mariposa County to undertake a Federal, State and Local Government cooperative and collaborative effort to implement an integrated and comprehensive project to mitigate fire loss potentials on federal, State and private lands; and

WHEREAS, the SWIFT project will seek to incorporate all stakeholders, public and private, in this effort, and will follow both the national Environmental Policy Act and the California Environmental Quality Act guidelines.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mariposa County Board of Supervisors endorses the SWIFT project.

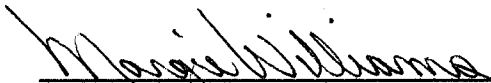
PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Mariposa County Board of Supervisors on this
18th day of January, 2000 by the following vote:

AYES: Reilly, Balmain, Stewart, Parker, Pickard
NOES: None
ABSENT: None



GARRY R. PARKER, Chairman
Mariposa County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:



MARGIE WILLIAMS, Clerk of the Board
Mariposa County Board of Supervisors

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:



JEFFREY G. GREEN, County Counsel