RECOMMENDED ACTION AND JUSTIFICATION:  
(Policy Item: Yes _ No _)

Update and possible action related to retention of the Mining and Mineral Museum.

Staff and contractors have been working on the Museum project, and an update is in order. Additionally, there are indications the State may be taking a new direction in regard to the Museum. As additional information is received, it will be forwarded to the Board of Supervisors.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:

LIST ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

COSTS:  
A. Budgeted Current FY  $  
B. Total Anticipated Costs  $  
C. Required Additional Funding  $  
D. Internal Transfers  $  
SOURCE:  
A. Unanticipated Revenues  $  
B. Reserve for Contingencies  $  
C. Source Description:  

Balance in Reserve for Contingencies, if approved:

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:  
List the attachments and number the pages consecutively:

CLERKS USE ONLY:
Res. No. 99-33  
Ord. No.  
Vote - Ayes:  Noes:  
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.

Date:  

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

BY:  
Deputy  

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION:  
This item on agenda as:  
Recommended  Not Recommended  
For Policy Determination  Submitted with Comment  
Returned for Further Action  
Comment:  

CAO's Initials:  

Action Form Revised 5/92
TO: JANET HOGAN, County Administrative Officer
FROM: MARGIE WILLIAMS, Clerk of the Board
SUBJECT: Retention of the Mining and Mineral Museum; Res. 99-88

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MARIPOSA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA,

ADOPTED THIS Order on March 16, 1999

ACTION AND VOTE:
Janet Hogan, County Administrative Officer;
Update and Possible Action Related to Retention of the Mining and Mineral Museum (Continued from 3/9/99)

BOARD ACTION: Ed Hardy, consultant, updated the Board on his meetings relative to the Mining and Mineral Museum, advised that he distributed the draft Business Plan to the Board members, and stated he feels the State has agreed to not issue the Request for Proposal (RFP). He further advised that with changes in administration at the State level, the Secretary of Resources has requested a recommitment from the Board for supporting the retention of the Museum. Supervisor Reilly was excused due to illness at 9:33 a.m. Discussion was held relative to the State’s request for a letter of recommitment and it’s decision to issue a RFP after previously agreeing not to do so, and the affect that decision has on the fundraising effort to retain the Museum. Discussion was also held relative to status of the project site.

(M)Parker, (S)Stewart, Res. 99-88 adopted directing that a letter of recommitment be sent to the State which mirrors the Board’s December, 1998, commitment. Supervisor Stewart requested that Ed Hardy also carry back to the State the Board’s concern about the State’s commitment, and that he request that the State provide a letter of relative to its commitment. Ayes: Balmain, Stewart, Parker, Pickard; Excused: Reilly.

Discussion was held relative to timeframes and staff resources. Jay Pawlek/Air Quality-Transportation Specialist, advised that the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding is tied to a commercial development occurring on the site, and he advised that the rent payments and P. G. & E.’s donation to the project are still pending. Jeff Green, County Counsel, stated he felt that the Board should discuss and give direction to staff in regard to Mr. Hardy’s contract, which expired on March 15, 1999, and Mr. Plaxco’s contract, which expires on May 30, 1999. Ed Hardy stated he felt there should be a ceremonial presentation of P. G. & E.’s donation, and he stated he feels the State should provide an accounting of their funding for the Museum. Discussion was held with Ed Hardy relative to his services and continuation of the contract.
Ed Hardy advised that he will continue to work with Mr. Plaxco on contacts and he will finish the Business Plan as a part of his original contract and personal commitment to the project. Chairman Pickard stated he feels that with the Board’s action to reaffirm its commitment to this project, that includes direction for the rent payments to be made to the Fair Board and for the contractual agreement to continue with Mr. Plaxco to May 30th. Discussion was held relative to the status of the return of the gold specimens, and Ed Hardy advised that they have been returned with the exception of the Fricot nugget, which is on display in Sacramento, by contract until December, 1999. Discussion was held relative to the need and responsibility for continuing the relationship with the State that Ed Hardy has established. Ed Johnson, Planning and Building Director, noted that there is also the role of project manager/developer for the CDBG application which needs to be assigned.

10:27 a.m. Recess

10:48 a.m. Continued discussion was held relative to the Mining and Mineral Museum issues.

(M)Balmain, (S)Stewart, to give direction to staff to negotiate a contract with Ed Hardy on a month-to-month basis to continue until further direction of the Board was amended following further discussion. Motion was amended, agreeable with maker and second, to include an appropriation from General Fund Contingency to fund the contract/Ayes: Balmain, Stewart, Parker; Noes: Pickard, Excused: Reilly. Motion failed as the appropriation required a 4/5ths vote.

Following further discussion, (M)Parker, (S)Stewart, direction was given to staff to negotiate a contract with Ed Hardy on a month-to-month basis to continue until further direction of the Board, with direction for the contract and the funding mechanism to be scheduled on the Board’s agenda for March 23, 1999/Ayes: Balmain, Stewart, Parker; Abstained: Pickard; Excused: Reilly.

cc: Steve Hayes, Visitors’ Bureau Director
Ken Hawkins, Auditor
Ed Johnson, Planning/Building Director
Jeffrey G. Green, County Counsel
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