RECOMMENDED ACTION AND JUSTIFICATION: (Policy Item: Yes___ No XXX)

A. Require the preparation of an environmental impact report for the project based on the following findings:
   1. There is not adequate information to analyze the effects that the project may have on the environment and the level of significance of those effects, and mitigation measures cannot be developed to address the effects.
   2. The project may result in significant environmental effects on the environment, including but not limited to access, traffic, air quality, water, wastewater, emergency services, waste disposal, and aesthetics, which have the potential to substantially degrade the quality of the environment and cause substantially adverse environmental effects on human beings.

B. Authorize the Planning Director to:
   1. Solicit proposals from outside consultants to prepare the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) on the project; and
   2. Execute an agreement for preparation of the EIR. (All costs for preparation and review of the EIR are to be born by the project applicant.)

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:

See Attached Memo

LIST ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

Should the Board find that the impacts may be mitigated to a less than significant level, staff should be directed to prepare an initial study for the project with a recommendation for a Negative Declaration.

COSTS: ( ) Not Applicable

A. Budgeted current FY
   $ ---------

B. Total anticipated Costs
   $ ---------

C. Required additional funding
   $ ---------

D. Internal transfers
   $ ---------

COSTS: ( ) 4/5th Vote Required

A. Unanticipated revenues
   $ ---------

B. Reserve for contingencies
   $ ---------

C. Source description:
   ________________________________

Balance in Reserve Contingencies, If Approved:
   $ ---------

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

Memo to Board with Attachments
Attachment #1 Project Vicinity Map
Attachment #2 Project Site Map

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION:
This item on agenda as:

[ ] Recommended
[ ] Not Recommended
[ ] For Policy Determination
[ ] Submitted for Comment
[ ] Returned for Further Action

Comment:

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A.O. Initials:

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MARIPOSA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

MINUTE ORDER

TO: SARAH WILLIAMS, Interim Planning Director

FROM: MARGIE WILLIAMS, Clerk of the Board

SUBJECT: Initiation of Environmental Review, General Plan/Zoning Amendment No. 94-2, Yosemite West Associates, Applicant; Res. 99-275

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MARIPOSA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA,

ADOPTED THIS Order on September 7, 1999

ACTION AND VOTE:

B) Require the Preparation of an Environmental Impact Report for General Plan/Zoning Amendment No. 94-2, Yosemite West Associates, Applicant; Authorize the Planning Director to Solicit Proposals from Outside Consultants to Prepare the Environmental Impact Report and Execute an Agreement for Preparation of the EIR.

BOARD ACTION: Discussion was held with Sarah Williams and Jay Pawlek, Senior Planner.

Bob Borchard, consultant for the applicant, presented his letter with questions relative to the environmental review and scoping process, and advised that he is resigning from the project after today. Discussion was held relative to processing for this project. Bob Borchard advised that he feels there are three options for this site: 1) look at a comprehensive approach for use of the site, including housing alternatives relative to the Valley Implementation Plan, with the County and the Park Service as a partner; 2) proceed with the application for Commercial Resort zoning; or 3) stay with the existing zoning for housing development. Further discussion was held.

(M)Parker, (S)Stewart, Res. 99-275 adopted requiring the preparation of an environmental impact report (EIR) for the project, with the findings as presented by staff; and authorizing Planning Director to solicit proposals from outside consultants to prepare the EIR and execute an agreement for the preparation of the EIR. Further discussion was held relative to processing the Notice of Preparation document. Ayes: Reilly, Stewart, Parker; Abstained: Balmain, Pickard. Jay Pawlek reviewed the process for the project.

cc: Jeffrey G. Green, County Counsel
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