RECOMMENDED ACTION AND JUSTIFICATION:

Adopt a Resolution supporting the efforts of the National Forest Counties and School Coalition by joining them in supporting the Joint Principles dated March 8, 1999. The continued loss of timber harvest receipts has been devastating to Mariposa County and our school system. The Coalition was formed to work for the passage of legislation that will protect local government operations and school funding for rural communities impacted by reduced management of federal lands.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:

The Board has supported other organizations that work towards protecting the economic security of Mariposa County.

LIST ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

Do not adopt a resolution supporting the efforts of the National Forest Counties and School Coalition.
Statement of Organizational Support for the National Forest Counties and Schools Coalition (NFCSC) Principles

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We have reviewed the Joint Principles of the National Forest Counties and Schools Coalition (NFCSC). The interests set forth in the Joint Principles are ones which we as an organization, concerned about rural America, share and support.

We agree that the federal compact with rural counties and schools developed when our federal forests were created, is being systematically eroded and that our rural heritage is being threatened. The legislative and regulatory gridlock at the federal level must be terminated on a short-term basis and the foundation laid for an appropriate long-term solution.

We strongly support the NFCSC Joint Principles and likewise support the passage of appropriate enabling legislation during this session of Congress.

Sincerely,

[Signature] Janet Hogan, County Administrative Officer
Agency Chief Administrative Officer

Date: 12/17/99

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