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DEPARTMENT: Board

BY: Supervisor Balmain

PHONE: 966-3222

RECOMMENDED ACTION AND JUSTIFICATION: (Policy Item: Yes ___ No X)

Discussion and possible action relative to opposing the Anti-Trapping Initiative (Prop. 4) which would ban many of the commonly used methods of controlling predatory animals in California.

Attached is information pertaining to the negative effects of the proposed initiative.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:

LIST ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

- ⇒ Adopt a Resolution opposing the Anti-Trapping Initiative.
- ⇒ Do not take action on the Anti-Trapping Initiative.

<p>COSTS: (x) Not Applicable</p> <p>A. Budgeted current FY \$ _____</p> <p>B. Total anticipated costs \$ _____</p> <p>C. Required additional funding \$ _____</p> <p>D. Internal transfers \$ _____</p> <p>SOURCE: () 4/5ths Vote Required</p> <p>A. Unanticipated revenues \$ _____</p> <p>B. Reserve for contingencies \$ _____</p> <p>C. Source description: _____</p> <p>Balance in Reserve for Contingencies, if approved: \$ _____</p>	<p>SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS: List the attachments and number the pages consecutively:</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>
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CLERK'S USE ONLY:

Res. No.: 98-321 Ord. No. _____

Vote - Ayes: _____ Noes: _____

Absent: Reilly Abstained: _____

Approved Reilly 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: _____

C.A.O. Initials: Jk

MARIPOSA COUNTY RESOLUTION NUMBER 98-371

WHEREAS, Mariposa County is a rural county whose residents are likely to encounter or suffer economic losses from predatory wildlife; and

WHEREAS, there is an initiative on the ballot for the November 1998 General Election, that would add provisions to the Fish and Game Code, banning many of the commonly used methods of controlling predatory animals in California; and

WHEREAS, Mariposa County, recognizing the need for effective wildlife management, has continued to maintain a cooperative agreement with the United States Department of Agriculture Wildlife Services Unit for the management and control of problem wildlife; and

WHEREAS, certain threatened and endangered species need protection from predators, and said protection can be most effectively provided through the selective use of traps and control methods administered by qualified Wildlife Specialists which the Anti-Trapping Initiative would ban; and

WHEREAS, such control methods are necessary in order to prevent damage to streams, stock ponds, reservoirs and other water storage facilities which can flood adjacent lands, structures and residences; and

WHEREAS, prohibitions will result in increased livestock depredations and other economic losses and property damage to the residents of Mariposa County; and

WHEREAS, passage of the Anti-Trapping Initiative is likely to result in the utilization of various home remedies which are non-selective, unproven and hazardous to the environment and human safety to control predatory wildlife.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of Mariposa County, a political subdivision of the State of California, hereby opposes Proposition 4 as the passage of the Anti-Trapping Initiative will adversely affect efficient, conservative, prudent and effective wildlife management practices in Mariposa County and throughout the State of California.

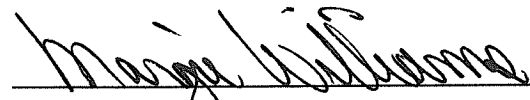
PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of Mariposa County this 6th day of October, 1998, by the following vote:

Ayes: Balmain, Stewart, Parker, and Pickard
Noes: None
Excused: Reilly



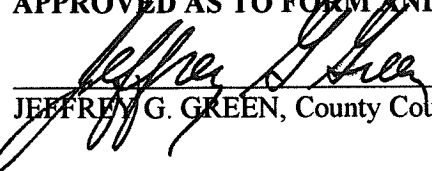
BOB PICKARD, Vice-Chairman

ATTEST:



MARGIE WILLIAMS, Clerk of the Board

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:



JEFFREY G. GREEN, County Counsel



COUNTY of MARIPOSA

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MARIPOSA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

MINUTE ORDER

TO: DOUG BALMAIN, District II Supervisor
FROM: MARGIE WILLIAMS, Clerk of the Board *MW*
SUBJECT: Anti-Trapping Initiative (Prop 4)

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MARIPOSA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA,

ADOPTED THIS Order on October 6, 1998

ACTION AND VOTE:

Doug Balmain, District II Supervisor;

Discussion and Possible Action Relative to Opposing the Anti-Trapping Initiative (Prop 4)

BOARD ACTION: Jan Sherbo, Executive Vice President of the California Wool Growers Association and with "No on 4 Campaign," reviewed the list of agencies opposing Proposition 4, and she discussed the various uses of the traps for protecting agriculture, endangered species, and disease management. Brian Archuleta, Supervisory Wildlife Biologist with the United States Department of Agriculture, advised that the costs will rise dramatically if the padded leghole trap is banned. Dana Finney/Fish and Game Warden, advised that he was present for the discussion and to answer any questions. Supervisor Pickard suggested that they may also want to give a presentation at the next RCRC meeting. (M)Balmain, (S)Stewart, Res. 98-371 adopted opposing Proposition 4/Ayes: Balmain, Stewart, Parker, Pickard; Excused: Reilly.

cc: File

STATEMENT OF ENDORSEMENT

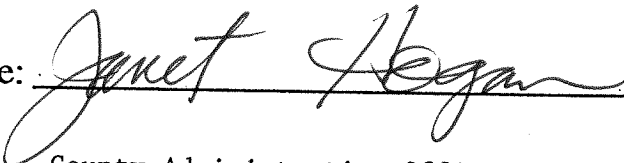
Yes!, we support your efforts to keep dangerous animals from threatening our families, homes and businesses! Please include our name on the list of organizations opposing the initiative to ban trapping on the November 1998 ballot.

Name of Organization: Mariposa County Board of Supervisors

Address: P.O. Box 784, Mariposa, CA 95338

Date of Endorsement: October 6, 1998

Contact Person: Janet Hogan, County Administrative Officer

Signature: 

Title: County Administrative Officer Fax: (209) 966-5147

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Californians for People, Pets and Wildlife ID#980569