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

Adopt the Mariposa County Voluntary Rangeland/Watershed Water Quality Management Guidelines Resolution. The State Water Resources Control Board has approved a voluntary Rangelands Water Quality Management plan to address Nonpoint Sources of Pollution on rangelands. This is in response to a recommended action by the State Board of Forestry and the Range Management Advisory Committee based on compliance with the Clean Water Act, Coastal Zone Management Act, and the Porter-Cologne Act. This voluntary compliance program would place the burden of management on the landowner with assistance for public education from the UC Farm Advisor, Farm Bureau, Mariposa County Resource Conservation District, and USDA NRCS.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:

The Board has adopted a similar resolution concerning the voluntary management of oak woodlands on November 14, 1995.

LIST ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

The Board could take no action and ignore the voluntary compliance process and wait for State regulation of rangelands resulting in a further eroding of personal property rights.
MARIPOSA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

MINUTE ORDER

TO: WAIN JOHNSON, Farm Advisor

FROM: MARGIE WILLIAMS, Clerk of the Board

SUBJECT: Voluntary Rangeland/Watershed Water Quality Management Guidelines; Res. 98-45

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MARIPOSA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA,

ADOPTED THIS Order on February 10, 1998

ACTION AND VOTE:

Wain Johnson, Farm Advisor;
Resolution Adopting Voluntary Rangeland/Watershed Water Quality Management Guidelines

BOARD ACTION: Discussion was held with Wain Johnson. Jerry Progner, Resource Conservation District, provided input relative to the workshops being planned for local ranchers and landowners on this matter. Further discussion was continued for the following hearing to be opened.

10:00 a.m. LOCAL TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
Public Hearing to Consider Adoption of the Mariposa County Transit Development Plan Update was opened and continued to after the following matter.

10:01 a.m. Following further discussion, (M)Balmain, (S)Parker, Res. 98-45 adopted approving the Voluntary Rangeland/Watershed Water Quality Management Guidelines, as voluntary guidelines and with direction that any change would need to come back to the Board/Ayes: Unanimous.

Wain Johnson advised that he is working with the Resource Conservation District to implement a program about Oaks Management in the High School and Middle School science classes.

cc: Ed Johnson, Planning and Building Director
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