RECOMMENDED ACTION AND JUSTIFICATION: (Policy Item: Yes___ No_X_)

Approve letter of support of Senate Bill No. 1703, regarding the efforts to facilitate the transfer of the Crows Landing Air Field from the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) to Stanislaus County.

This transfer will allow the Air Field to be an economic asset to the Central Valley and whereas the Valley’s economy affects Mariposa County’s economy, this transfer could have a positive affect on our County.

A letter from Stanislaus County concerning this request is attached.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:

None on this specific request.

LIST ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:
1) Approve letter of support.
2) Provide alternative direction.

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COUNTY 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: ___

Action Form Revised 5/92
June 23, 1998

The Honorable George Radanovich
313 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Radanovich:

Please be advised that the Mariposa County Board of Supervisors took action on June 16, 1998 to support S.1703 which would facilitate the transfer of the Crows Landing Air Field to Stanislaus County. We ask your support for this legislation which will generate much needed jobs in the Central Valley.

Sincerely,

PATTI A. REILLY, CHAIR

cc: Board of Supervisors
Senator Feinstein
Senator Boxer
Nick W. Blom, Chair, Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors
Paul W. Caruso, Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors
May 21, 1998

Supervisor Robert Stewart
Mariposa County
P.O. Box 784
Mariposa CA 95338

SUBJECT: CROWS LANDING AIR FIELD

Dear Supervisor Stewart:

Stanislaus County is requesting you send a letter in support of Senate Bill (S.1703), to your State and Federal Representatives, regarding the efforts to facilitate the transfer of the Crows Landing Air Field from the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) to Stanislaus County.

We are prepared work to collectively to turn what has become a liability to the federal government into an economic asset that will generate much needed jobs in the Central Valley of California. This community job need is critical if the outcome of Welfare Reform is to be successful. A letter expressing support of this effort to Senator Boxer, Senator Feinstein and Congressman Condit will enhance our legislative efforts.

The conveyance of the Air Facility from the Federal Government to Stanislaus County through the legislative process will make it possible to include the Air Facility in the community’s economic strategy and to begin the development of the Air Facility without encumbrances. We need to convey to the Congress that members of the San Joaquin Valley Supervisors Association supports the conveyance of the Air Facility through the legislative process.

We sincerely appreciate your support of this transfer. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Nick W. Blom, Chair
District 3

Supervisor Paul W. Caruso
District 5
To provide for the conveyance of certain property from the United States to Stanislaus County, California. (Introduced in the Senate)

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S. 1703

To provide for the conveyance of certain property from the United States to Stanislaus County, California.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

March 3, 1998

Mrs. BOXER (for herself and Mrs. FEINSTEIN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

A BILL

To provide for the conveyance of certain property from the United States to Stanislaus County, California.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. DEFINITIONS.

In this Act:

(1) ADMINISTRATOR- The term 'Administrator' means the Administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

(2) FEDERAL AGENCY- The term 'Federal agency' has the meaning given the term 'agency'
in section 555(1) of title 5, United States Code.

(3) NASA- The term `NASA' means the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

SEC. 2. CONVEYANCE OF PROPERTY.

As soon as practicable after the date of enactment of this Act, the Administrator shall convey to Stanislaus County, California, all right, title, and interest of the United States in and to the property described in section 3.

SEC. 3. PROPERTY DESCRIBED.

The property to be conveyed pursuant to section 2 is--

(1) the approximately 1,528 acres of land in Stanislaus County, California, known as the `NASA Ames Research Center, Crows Landing Facility (formerly known as the Naval Auxiliary Landing Field, Crows Landing);

(2) all improvements on the land described in paragraph (1); and

(3) any other Federal property that is--

   (A) under the jurisdiction of NASA;

   (B) located on the land described in paragraph (1); and

   (C) designated by NASA to be transferred to Stanislaus County, California.

SEC. 4. TERMS.

(a) CONSIDERATION- The conveyance required by section 2 shall be without consideration other than that required by this section.

(b) ENVIRONMENTAL REMEDIATION-

   (1) IN GENERAL- Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the conveyance required by section 2 shall not relieve any Federal agency of any responsibility under applicable law for any environmental remediation of soil, groundwater, or surface water.

   (2) OTHER REMEDIATION- Any remediation of contamination, other than that described in paragraph (1), within or related to structures or fixtures on the property described in section 3 shall be subject to negotiation to the extent permitted by law.

(c) RETAINED RIGHT OF USE; TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF TRANSFER-

   (1) IN GENERAL- Subject to paragraph (2), the National Aeronautics and Space Administration shall retain the right to use for aviation activities, without consideration and on other terms and conditions mutually acceptable to NASA and Stanislaus County, California, the property described in section 3.
(2) LEGISLATIVE JURISDICTION- The terms and conditions referred to in paragraphs (1) and (3) may not include any provision restricting the legislative jurisdiction of the State of California over the property conveyed pursuant to section 2.

(3) ADDITIONAL TERMS- Subject to paragraph (2), the Administrator may negotiate additional terms of the conveyance required by section 2 to protect the interests of the United States.