

DEPARTMENT: Public Works

By: Michael D. Edwards

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RECOMMENDED ACTION AND JUSTIFICATION:

(Policy Item: Yes ___ No X)

Approve landscaping plan for the new Government Center.

At the Board meeting of March 3, 1998, the Board approved an increase to the landscaping budget of \$10,000.00 and directed the Government Center Committee to come back with a more detailed landscaping plan with the increased budget.

Additional explanation and justification is contained in the attached letter from Williams to the Board, together with the details of the landscaping plan.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:

The Board approved the issuance of plans and specifications and advertisement for bids for construction of this project at its meeting of April 22, 1997. The Board awarded the contract to Tech Four Construction, Inc. on July 8, 1997, and authorized bond funding by the Rural Development Administration (formerly the Farmers Home Administration). Staff has provided the Board with regular project reports. As a result of the March 3, 1998 meeting, the revised landscaping plan is being brought back for approval.

LIST ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

If this is not approved, it will likely delay the completion of the landscaping at the time the building is available for occupancy. Planning may be unable to provide a certificate of occupancy until the landscaping is complete, in order to be consistent with treatment of the private sector in this regard.

COSTS:		(X) 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:

1. Letter, Williams to Board of Supervisors (2 pgs)
2. Minute Order of March 3, 1998 (1 pg)

**MARIPOSA COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

**AGENDA
ACTION FORM**

**GENDA DATE: 8-11-98
AGENDA ITEM NO.: _____**

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Res. No.: 98-312 Ord. No.: _____

Vote - Ayes: 4 Noes: _____

Absent: P. Jones Abstained: _____

- Approved 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

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: Jr

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July 31, 1998

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mariposa County Board of Supervisors

FROM: Sarah Williams, Planning Manager
Ed Johnson, Director

SUBJECT: Amendments to Landscaping Plan for Government Center

Pursuant to Board direction on March 3, 1998, staff has met with the project architect and landscape architect to formulate proposed amendments to the landscaping plan for the Government Center, given additional funding of \$10,000 (above contract amount). The proposed amendments include the following:

- Replace four (4) 24 inch box trees with four (4) 36 inch box trees (red maple) (2 located in the lower parking lot and 2 located in the upper parking lot).
- Replace eighteen (18) 15 gallon trees with twenty (20) 24 inch box trees (white birch, dogwood, crape myrtle, hackberry, pistache) (located in the upper parking lot, along 11th Street, and at the building entrance).
- Replace two (2) 36 inch box trees with two (2) 48 inch box trees (pistache) (located in the plaza).
- Delete black oak and replace with pistache (located in upper parking lot).
- Add eight (8) 1 gallon shrubs (rockrose, daisy, wall flower, day lily, and sage) (located in planting boxes around plaza).

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- Add twelve (12) 1 gallon vines (honeysuckle and ivy) (located on the propane tank, and on retaining walls at the rear of the upper parking lot and at the rear of the lower parking lot).
- Delete all annuals and replace with perennials (throughout site).
- Add one (1) 48 inch Christmas tree (species still under discussion) (located in courtyard, between Government Center and future Library).

These amendments will accomplish the following:

- All of the parking lot trees will be 24 inch box trees or larger, which exceed the Mariposa TPA design review requirements minimum size of 15 gallons. The larger size will provide fairly immediate parking lot shading.
- The two main plaza trees will be 48 inch box trees. The larger size will provide fairly immediate shading for the main exterior public area.
- The trees adjacent to the building will be 24 inch box trees. These trees are intended primarily to enhance the building.
- The community Christmas tree will be purchased and on-site (planting will occur upon removal of the water tower on the Gimblin property). It may be able to decorated for Christmas, 1998.
- Additional vines will be planted around the propane tank for faster screening.
- Additional vines will be planted on the retaining walls to soften and enhance the walls.
- The annuals are replaced with perennials due to high maintenance requirements of annuals.
- The black oak is deleted because of concerns about its adaptability. It is replaced with Chinese pistache, which is well adapted to Mariposa's climate and a known performer in parking lots.

These amendments meet and exceed the community's design review requirements for landscaping, and will provide a well landscaped, low maintenance facility upon occupancy.

MARIPOSA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

MINUTE ORDER

TO: MIKE EDWARDS, Public Works Director

FROM: MARGIE WILLIAMS, Clerk of the Board *MW*

SUBJECT: County Government Center

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MARIPOSA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA,

ADOPTED THIS Order on March 3, 1998

ACTION AND VOTE:

A) Information Regarding Status of Contingency and Committee Recommendations for Change Orders for the County Government Center
BOARD ACTION: Dave Tucker/PWD-Engineer, provided status report and reviewed the proposed change orders. Craig Scott, Dupertuis-Scott Architects, responded to questions from the Board. (M)Parker, (S)Balmain, Res. 98-76 adopted approving recommended change orders, with an additional \$5,000 to be added to landscaping upgrades, for a total of \$10,000 for landscaping. Discussion was held relative to the landscaping plans and amenities such as benches, trash containers, and the community Christmas tree. Motion was amended, agreeable with maker and second, to include direction for the Government Center Committee to come back with a more detailed landscaping plan with the increased budget/Ayes: Reilly, Balmain, Parker, Pickard; Noes: Stewart. Discussion was held relative to reviewing the color scheme and furnishings for the facility or whether that would be a Committee decision, and relative to authority for committees.

cc: Jeff Green, County Counsel
Ken Hawkins, Auditor
Agreement File