

MARIPOSA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

MINUTE ORDER

TO: JANET HOGAN, County Administrative Officer
FROM: MARGIE WILLIAMS, Clerk of the Board *MW*
SUBJECT: FLOOD UPDATE

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MARIPOSA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA,

ADOPTED THIS Order on February 4, 1997

ACTION AND VOTE:

3:58 p.m. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding a Local Emergency Relative to the Flooding of the Merced River (No Folder) (County Administrative Officer)

BOARD ACTION: Discussion was held with Raymond Lenaburg and Michael Shore, representing FEMA, relative to the National Flood Insurance Program, its background, goals, and requirements for County participation and affects non-participation has on disaster assistance programs for residents. Barry Brouillette asked if the Flood Plain maps could be corrected to reflect actual situations, and was advised that an appeal could be submitted; and asked about ability to obtain a loan for loss of income as a result of the flood disaster. Discussion was held concerning insurance rates and coverages. Ed Johnson, Planning and Building Director, provided input. Jerry Rankin responded to questions relative to the number of claims that have been filed with FEMA as a result of the flood disaster. Blaine Shultz, Fire Chief, provided input. Direction was given to Planning staff to review this matter and come back to the Board with a report including implications relative to land use and affect on existing structures and potential affect for future structures; how long the County has to make a determination to participate in the program and the affect on the current situation.

Board members discussed their recent visits to Yosemite and the damages in the Valley and to the highways, etc.

Discussion was held relative to letters received from Congressman Radanovich advising of legislation being introduced to enable the most rapid recovery of Yosemite National Park possible and relative to the reopening of Badger Pass Ski Resort. Board concurred with referring the letter relative to the Ski Resort to the County Administrative Officer to forward to the Tourism Advisory Committee for review and recommendation and thoughts as to how the County may or may not participate. Further discussion was held relative to the letter advising of legislation and dealing with transit, repair of Highway 140 and promotional issues. Supervisor Stewart suggested the funding request include widening of Highway 140 and that the proposal identify and include a price-tag for a

staging area for public transit services. Mike Edwards, Public Works Director, suggested the funding request include improvements to Incline Road and the Forest Service campgrounds associated with Incline Road; and improving and utilizing J-132 as an alternate route to Yosemite - he will provide the County Administrative Officer with some wording to cover infrastructure repairs. Blaine Shultz, Fire Chief, advised that the Forest Supervisor will be touring the El Portal flood areas on Friday and looking at the Hites Cove Trail, Red Bud campgrounds and picnic areas, and stated those issues may already be addressed in the proposed funding request. (M)Parker, (S)Balmain, Res. 97-46 adopted supporting the legislation introduced by Congressman Radanovich and John Doolittle for the recovery of Yosemite National Park; and Res. 97-47 adopted directing County Administrative Officer to prepare a letter to encourage Congress in this process, as requested, with the letter to be distributed to Congressman Radanovich, President Clinton, all of our legislators, State Office of Tourism, neighboring counties, YARTS and as appropriate/Ayes: Balmain, Stewart, Parker, Pickard; Excused: Reilly.

Mike Edwards, Public Works Director, provided additional input relative to the flood update - advising of a request he received from an individual to remove bedrock from the landfill for use as rip rap. He advised that this project would be subject to SMARA and would require the County's authorization to remove material from County property. This project could benefit the County, as it is their intent to level the proposed project site for future operations. Jeff Green, County Counsel, advised that the public process requirements would need to be reviewed as this is a sale of County-owned property. Staff will review this matter and report back. Mike further advised that they are applying for Federal aid funds for the County roads.

cc: Steve Hayes, Visitors Bureau Director
Blaine Shultz, Fire Chief
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