RECOMMENDED ACTION AND JUSTIFICATION:

Receive presentation and consider endorsement and support of Merced County's effort to create a Central Valley Foreign Trade Zone.

Joe Rivero, Chairman of the Merced County Board of Supervisors and John F. Fowler, Manager of the Merced County Office of Information Technology and Special Projects will give a presentation on Merced County's efforts to create a foreign trade zone to include the Counties of Merced, Fresno, Madera, Mariposa and *Fresno Stanislaus*.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:

The Board of Supervisors has not previously considered this matter.

LIST ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

1. Enhance Merced County's efforts by adopting a resolution in support of creating a foreign trade zone.
2. Determine not to support the foreign trade zone.

COSTS:

A. Budgeted Current FY $  
B. Total Anticipated Costs $  
C. Required Additional Funding $  
D. Internal Transfers $  
SOURCE:

A. Unanticipated Revenues $  
B. Reserve for Contingencies $  
C. Source Description:  
Balance in Reserve for Contingencies if approved:

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:
List the attachments and number the pages consecutively:

CLERKS USE ONLY:

Vote: Ayes: 5  
Absent:  
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  
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:  
CAO's Initials:  

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MARIPOSA COUNTY RESOLUTION NUMBER 97-86

A RESOLUTION OF ENDORSEMENT AND SUPPORT OF MERCED COUNTY’S EFFORT TO CREATE A CENTRAL VALLEY FOREIGN TRADE ZONE

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Commerce, through an act of Congress (48 U.S. Stats. at L. ch 590) encourages, supports and approves the establishment of foreign trade zones throughout the United States for the purpose of creating greater economic opportunities and employment to business and communities; and,

WHEREAS, the State of California endorses the action to establish foreign trade zones within its borders for purposes of economic development and foreign trade advantages; and,

WHEREAS, no foreign trade zone has been established to serve the communities and businesses in the Central San Joaquin Valley of California; and,

WHEREAS, the County of Merced by the Board of Supervisors action on September 17, 1996 and February 4, 1997 initiated the required feasibility study and approved development of the formal Foreign Trade Zone Application; and,

WHEREAS, the County of Merced has invested and committed over $90,000 for the feasibility study and the application development, and has established a planned budget expense for fiscal year 1997-1998 of $120,000 for marketing and zone administration; and,

WHEREAS, the County of Merced will establish a five county advisory board to ensure federally mandated marketing, support and administrative efforts are balanced throughout the five county Foreign Trade Zone region; and,

WHEREAS, the final application is enhanced by a resolution from each participating county that supports the establishment of a Central Valley Foreign Trade Zone.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Mariposa does fully endorse and support the creation of a Foreign Trade Zone in the Central San Joaquin Valley region of California by the County of Merced.

PASSED AND ADOPTED at the regular meeting of the Mariposa County Board of Supervisors this 18th day of March, 1997, by the following vote:

AYES: REILLY, BALMAIN, STEWART, PARKER, PICKARD
NOES: NONE
ABSTENTIONS: NONE
ABSENT: NONE

ROBERT C. STEWART, Chairman
Mariposa County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

Margie Williams
Clerk of the Board

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:

Jeffrey G. Green
County Counsel