RECOMMENDED ACTION AND JUSTIFICATION: (Policy Item: Yes _ No X)
Resolution authorizing the Public Works Director to negotiate and sign agreement with Kleinfelder Associates to provide soils testing services for the Mariposa-Yosemite Airport for $13,424. ATTACHMENT 1.

The airport projects funded with FAA and State Aeronautics funds will require large amounts of grading in addition to paving of the new apron and taxiway areas. Kleinfelder is an experienced geotechnical firm who was also selected for work on the government center and road yard shop sites. Their work will be used by the airport design firm to complete the airport projects. They will also complete an environmental site assessment of one of the runway protection zone properties, to ensure there is no hazardous waste on property acquired by the County.

FAA funds provide 90% of the cost of the project, the State funds up to 4.5% and the County will fund the remainder. The runway safety area improvement is funded under a state grant of $268,000 which requires a 10% County match. The funds necessary to cover the expenses for this fiscal year are budgeted and available. Additional County funds for the matching requirements will be required in FY 97/98 and FY 98/99 as discussed during the last two Board presentations regarding this project and illustrated in ATTACHMENT 2.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:
The Board approved pre-application for the FAA funds. The FAA provided an offer December 24, 1996. Match funds for the projects were approved by the Board in November, 1996. The State also announced availability of funds for improvement of the Mariposa-Yosemite airport runway safety areas in 1996. The Board approved the application for FAA funds on May 13, 1997.

LIST ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:
1. No action. If Kleinfelder is not hired, the airport projects will be delayed.

2. Direct staff to do soils work, upgrade soils lab and staff certifications, and defer work on other important capital improvement projects.

3. Request Shutt Moen hire a geotechnical firm as a subconsultant. The consultant will charge us 10% over the cost of this service.
COSTS:  
A. Budgeted current FY> $30,000 (96/97)*
B. Total anticipated Costs> $__________
C. Required additional funding> $__________
D. Internal transfers> $__________

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

1. Agreement for Geotechnical Investigations  
   (28 pages)

2. Local Match for Projects

* plus FY 97/98 & 98/99 expenditures per

ATTACHMENT 2

Balance in Reserve Contingencies, If Approved:
$__________

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Res. No.: 97 - 289  Ord. No.: _________
Vote - Ayes: 5  Noes: _________
Absent: _________ 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: ________________________________

A.O. Initials: ____________________________