RECOMMENDED ACTION AND JUSTIFICATION: (Policy Item: Yes__ No_X)

Authorize County Counsel to execute a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Sierra National Forest and Stanislaus National Forest relative to developing watershed rehabilitation projects to protect regional water quality and corresponding watershed properties pursuant to Proposition 204. Prop. 204 established a Delta Tributary Watershed Program which authorized $15,000,000 for watershed rehabilitation projects on those watersheds which ultimately drain through the Bay Delta. This legislation directed that entities eligible for application for projects are either counties or joint power authorities in which a county is a participant. By executing this MOU, this will allow initiation of project planning and project submission. A copy of Chapter 5, Article 5 (Prop. 204) is included in this package.

This MOU does not address the actual funding or administration of approved projects. A subsequent MOU will be necessary to address use of funds, administration, and monitoring.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:

None on this Board action. However, the Board has approved similar MOUs in the past.

LIST ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

- Authorize Counsel to execute MOU.
- Do not authorize execution of MOU. Negative action would not allow Mariposa County to take advantage of the funding authorized by the electorate which will ultimately improve and enhance the Delta Tributary Watershed.

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SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:
List the attachments and number the pages consecutively:
Memorandum of Understanding,
Chapter 5, Article 5 of Water Code.

CLERK'S USE ONLY:
Res. No.: 12-308 Ord. No.
Vote - Ayes: _____ Noes: _____
Absent: _____ Abstained: _____
( ) Approved ( ) Denied ( ) No Action Necessary
Minute Order Attached

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: 
A.O. Initials: 
Action Form Revised 5/92
TO: SUPERVISOR BALMAIN
FROM: MARGIE WILLIAMS, Clerk of the Board
SUBJECT: MOU WITH SIERRA NATIONAL FOREST AND STANISLAUS NATIONAL FOREST; RES. 97-308

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MARIPOSA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA,

ADOPTED THIS Order on July 22, 1997

ACTION AND VOTE:

Resolution Authorizing County Counsel to Execute a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Sierra National Forest and Stanislaus National Forest Relative to Proposing Joint Projects to Qualify for Grant Funding Pursuant to Watershed Rehabilitation Funded by Proposition 204 (Supervisor Balmain)

BOARD ACTION: Supervisor Balmain initiated discussion concerning this matter and advised that the deadline for submitting requests for the first round of funding is July 28th. Mariposa County will not have any applications ready to meet that deadline, but the State requested that a letter be sent relative to the County’s interest in this matter. Jeff Green, County Counsel, reviewed changes to the MOU requested by the Forest Service. Following discussion, (M)Parker, (S)Balmain, Res. 97-308 adopted approving MOU and authorizing Chairman to sign same, with the changes as requested; and with request that the Water Agency become fully involved in these efforts and that consideration be given to having an agreement between the County and the Water Agency. Motion was amended, agreeable with maker and second following further discussion, giving direction to Public Works staff to send a letter to the State by July 28th as requested/Ayes: Unanimous.

cc: Jeff Green, County Counsel
    Mike Edwards, Public Works Director
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