

RECOMMENDED ACTION AND JUSTIFICATION:

(Policy Item: Yes No)

Adopt resolution approving the response of the Board of Supervisors to the 199⁶~~7~~-97 Mariposa County Grand Jury Final Report and direct the County Administrative Officer to Transmit the Response to the Judge of the Superior Court.


BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:

The California Penal Code requires that affected Department Heads and the Board of Supervisors respond to each year's Grand Jury Report within specified time limits. The Board is required to respond within ninety days of when the Grand Jury submits its report. That was done on July 22, 199⁷~~8~~, so the Board's response is due by October 20, 1997.

This year's Final Report is concise with the majority of recommendations aimed at the incoming 1997-98 Grand Jury. There are responses from Judge McMechan and Public Works Director Edwards which are attached. A draft response is also attached for the Board's review and revision.


LIST ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

1. Approve draft as submitted.
2. Provide direction to revise the response with final action on October 14, 1997.

<p>COSTS: (X) Not Applicable</p> <p>A. Budgeted Current FY \$</p> <p>B. Total Anticipated Costs \$</p> <p>C. Required Additional Funding \$</p> <p>D. Internal Transfers \$</p> <p>SOURCE: () 4/5ths Vote Required \$</p> <p>A. Unanticipated Revenues \$</p> <p>B. Reserve for Contingencies \$</p> <p>C. Source Description: _____</p> <p>Balance in Reserve for Contingencies, if approved: _____</p>	<p>SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS: List the attachments and number the pages consecutively:</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>
<p>CLERKS USE ONLY:</p> <p>Res. No. <u>97-398</u> Ord. No. _____</p> <p>Vote - Ayes: <u>5</u> Noes: _____</p> <p>Absent: _____ Abstained: _____</p> <p>Approved () Denied</p> <p>Minute Order Attached () No Action Necessary</p> <p>The foregoing instrument is a correct copy of the original on file in this office</p> <p>Date: _____</p> <p>ATTEST: _____</p> <p>MARGIE WILLIAMS, Clerk of the Board County of Mariposa, State of California</p> <p>BY: _____ Deputy</p>	<p>ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION: This item on agenda as:</p> <p> Recommended</p> <p>_____ Not Recommended</p> <p>_____ For Policy Determination</p> <p>_____ Submitted with Comment</p> <p>_____ Returned for Further Action</p> <p>Comment: _____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>CAO's Initials: _____</p>

MARIPOSA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

MINUTE ORDER

TO: JANET HOGAN, COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER
FROM: MARGIE WILLIAMS, Clerk of the Board 
SUBJECT: RESPONSE TO 1996-97 GRAND JURY FINAL REPORT

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MARIPOSA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA,
ADOPTED THIS Order on October 7, 1997

ACTION AND VOTE:

Response to 1996-97 Mariposa Grand Jury Final Report (Administration)
BOARD ACTION: (M)Parker, (S)Balmain, Res. 97-398 adopted approving response
with the change as discussed relative to consideration of increasing the sales tax/Ayes:
Unanimous.

cc: File

**MARIPOSA COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

**RESPONSE TO 1996-1997 MARIPOSA COUNTY
GRAND JURY FINAL REPORT**

October, 1997

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE, COUNTY ROADS SUB-COMMITTEE

FINDING: There is insufficient funding to fully maintain existing roads. In future years the roads will be repaired on a priority basis. However, many roads will be left without proper maintenance.

RESPONSE: The Board of Supervisors agrees with this finding.

RECOMMENDATION: Additional funding needs to be found either through increased local taxes or state/federal funding. If this problem is not solved there will be an overwhelming problem in the future.

RESPONSE: To the extent it is within the power of the Board of Supervisors, this recommendation will be implemented. During our recently concluded Final Budget Hearings for the 1997-98 budget, \$890,398 in local funds were dedicated to the Road Division of the Public Works Department along with approximately \$3.7 million in state and federal funds. In addition, the Board actively supports state and federal legislation to increase funding for local road systems. Mariposa County has joined with Alpine and Trinity Counties to pursue legislation to direct a more equitable apportionment of Motor Vehicle License fees to our counties.

Increasing a local tax (sales tax) would require a two-thirds affirmative vote of the electorate. We have received presentations from staff about this alternative. The Board of Supervisors would prefer to pursue a more equitable portion of state and federal taxes that our citizens already pay.

SOCIAL SERVICES/CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICES, YOUTH WELFARE SUB-COMMITTEE

RECOMMENDATIONS: County Probation, Sheriff, and Social Services are already cooperating with Citizens for a Safe Mariposa Community. It was recommended that this cooperation continue.

RESPONSE: This recommendation has been implemented. County Departments are continuing to work with the group Citizens for a Safe Mariposa Community.