

97-475

DEPARTMENT: Public Health BY: C. B. Mosher, MD, Health Officer PHONE: 966-3689

RECOMMENDED ACTION AND JUSTIFICATION: (Policy Item: Yes ___ No_x__)

Recommend resolution authorizing Chairman to sign letters to State Senator and Assemblyman urging passage of AB 1180, California Safe Drinking Water Bond Act of 1998.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:

The federal government has authorized \$500 million to California to set up a revolving fund for improvement of local water systems over the next five years. Funds not claimed by California will be distributed to other states with active drinking water revolving funds. California must provide a \$100 million match by September 30, 1998 to obtain the first installment of these funds. The state proposes to raise this match through the sale of bonds as authorized in AB 1180. The California Department of Health Services has advised us that the legislature has imposed a January 22, 1998 cutoff date for bond measures for the June 1998 ballot. Since the legislature does not reconvene until early January, there will be very little time for them to pass AB 1180 so that the clean water bond can be presented to the voters in June 1998.

The California Department of Health Services has published a draft ranking of water system improvement projects proposed state-wide. Mariposa County has six projects with a total estimated value of \$929,806 in the top seven ranks (there are 15 ranks altogether). The deficiencies that get a water system into the upper ranks generally represent real threats to public health, not just "paper" violations, and should be corrected as soon as possible. Passage of AB 1180 and approval by the voters in June 1998, won't guarantee that all of these projects will be funded in the first year but it will afford an excellent opportunity for our poorest quality water systems to resolve their problems and improve the overall public health of Mariposa County.

LIST ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

COSTS: () Not Applicable
A. Budgeted current FY \$
B. Total anticipated costs \$
C. Required additional funding \$
D. Internal transfers \$

SOURCE: () 4/5ths Vote Required
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:

CLERK'S USE ONLY:
Res. No.: 97-475 Ord. No.
Vote - Ayes: 5 Noes:
Absent:
Approved () Denied
() Minute Order Attached () No Action Necessary

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION:
This item on agenda as:
[] Recommended
[x] Not Recommended
[] For Policy Determination
[] Submitted with Comment
[] Returned for Further Action

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

Comment:
A.O. Initials:

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December 16, 1997

Assemblyman George House
State Capitol Room 5144
Sacramento, California 95814

Dear Assemblyman House:

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Sincerely,

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