

DEPARTMENT: Public Works

By: Michael D. Edwards

Phone: 966-5356

RECOMMENDED ACTION AND JUSTIFICATION: (Policy Item: Yes No)

Adopt resolution authorizing application for Proposition 204 funding for improvements in the Fresno and Merced River Watersheds and confirm County commitments per the proposals pending Prop 204 funding as follows:

1. **Fresno River Watershed: Miami Mtn Road Sediment Reduction Project:**

(ATTACHMENT 1) The County will perform sediment reduction activities from Highway 41 to Worman Road, including the portion of this road with Sierra National Forest jurisdiction. With Forest Service staff assistance, the County will develop the design package for a contract project and perform inspection. Construction work includes:

- a. Drainage improvements--addition and replacement of culverts, diversion ditches
- b. Shaping --grading of road surface and ditches, removal of berms
- c. Surfacing -- addition of aggregate
- d. Stabilization of minor slides, encroachments, and reduction of runoff scouring.
- e. Elimination and revegetation of informal off-road vehicle tracks directly adjacent to the road.

2. **Merced River Watershed: Sediment Reduction Projects:**

(ATTACHMENT 2) The County and Sierra and Stanislaus Forest Service will perform sediment reduction activities on several short portions of roads within the national forests on both sides of the Merced River. These will include the same construction activities as listed above plus additional obliteration of short sections of duplicate routes that add to the sediment load.

The application is due January 9, 1998. The Board will not meet again until January 6th; however, approval at that late date would not allow changes to the scope of the application. It also may preclude inclusion of the executed Board resolution in the application package.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:

The Board previously adopted a Memorandum of Understanding (Res 97-308) with the Forest Service for these projects.

LIST ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

- 1. No action. The County would not apply for these funds.

COSTS: (x) Not Applicable*
A. Budgeted current FY> \$ _____
B. Total anticipated Costs> \$ _____
C. Required additional funding> \$ _____
D. Internal transfers> \$ _____

COSTS: () 4/5th Vote Required
A. Unanticipated revenues> \$ _____
B. Reserve for contingencies> \$ _____
C. Source description: > _____

Balance in Reserve Contingencies, If Approved:
\$ _____

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:

List the attachments and number the pages consecutively:

- 1. Application for Miami Mtn Rd Sediment Reduction Project ✓
- 2. Application for Merced River Watershed Sediment Reduction Project

* cost of the project would be paid with Prop 204 funds, if awarded.

CLERK'S USE ONLY

Res. No.: 97-477 Ord. No.: _____

Vote - Ayes: 4 Noes: Reilly

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 for Comment
- Returned for Further Action

Comment: _____

A.O. Initials: JR

MARIPOSA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

AMENDED MINUTE ORDER

TO: MIKE EDWARDS, Public Works Director
FROM: MARGIE WILLIAMS, Clerk of the Board *MW*
SUBJECT: IMPROVEMENTS IN THE STOCKTON CREEK AND CHOWCHILLA RIVER WATERSHEDS; RES. 97-477

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MARIPOSA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA,

ADOPTED THIS Order on December 16, 1997

ACTION AND VOTE:

Mike Edwards, Public Works Director;

A) Resolution Considering Application for Proposition 204 Funding for Improvements in the Stockton Creek and Chowchilla River Watersheds; and

B) Resolution Authorizing Application for Proposition 204 Funding for Improvements in the Fresno and Merced River Watersheds and Confirming County Commitments per the Proposals

BOARD ACTION: Discussion was held. Gwen Foster, PWD-Civil Engineer, provided input. Jerry Progner, Resource Conservation District (RCD), provided input relative to Proposition 204 and their request for support of an application for the Stockton Creek and Chowchilla River watersheds.

Input from the public was provided by the following:

Wilford Von derAhe advised that the project proposed by RCD would give him an opportunity to participate in fuel reduction in the Stockton Creek watershed on about 800 acres and would help protect the town of Mariposa from fire in this area. He further advised of other programs he has participated in and then maintained the project areas, and he noted that funding sources are more scarce.

Doyle Correia, Grosjean Road area resident, stated he felt that meetings held in the area on this matter only included those residents who support this project and he received a letter from a neighbor which he felt was harassment; he noted that some residents are working on fuel reduction on their own; and he feels that there are strings attached to receiving the Proposition 204 funding.

Dennis Blessing, property owner in the Stockton Creek watershed, stated he feels the project will help the area and protect the watershed area for town; and the grant will be written so that a property owner's participation is voluntary, and he stated he felt that about 90% of the property owners support this project. He further stated they have tried to keep everyone informed.

Further discussion was held. Supervisor Parker expressed concern with not having the application package to review for the Stockton Creek and Chowchilla River watersheds, and asked about the letter written by Bud Hoekstra relative to the program and follow-up work. (M)Balmain, (S)Parker, Res. 97-477 adopted approving the application for the

Fresno and Merced River watersheds, as requested; and directing that the application for the Stockton Creek and Chowchilla River watersheds could be brought back on January 6, 1998, with a complete package for further consideration/Ayes: Balmain, Stewart, Parker, Pickard; Noes: Reilly.

cc: Jerry Progner, RCD
File

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