

DEPARTMENT: Public Works

By: Michael Edwards

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RECOMMENDED ACTION AND JUSTIFICATION:

(Policy Item: Yes ___ No X)

Resolution opposing the "Government Cost Savings and Taxpayers Protection Amendment" (PECG Initiative).

A representative from the group "Taxpayers Fed Up with More State Bureaucracy" (FED UP!) will address the Board as to why they should oppose this initiative on the June, 1998 ballot.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:

N/A

LIST ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

N/A

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. Resolution (2 pgs)
2. 8/25/97 Letter from FED UP! to Chairman Stewart (2 pgs)
3. Summary of initiative with commentary (2 pgs)
4. List of current opponents to the initiative (9 pgs)

CLERK'S USE ONLY

Res. No.: 97-479 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: _____

C.A.O. Initials: [Signature]

MARIPOSA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

MINUTE ORDER

TO: MIKE EDWARDS, Public Works Director
FROM: MARGIE WILLIAMS, Clerk of the Board 
SUBJECT: OPPOSING GOVERNMENT COST SAVINGS AND TAXPAYERS
PROTECTION AMENDMENT; RES. 97-479

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MARIPOSA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA,

ADOPTED THIS Order on December 16, 1997

ACTION AND VOTE:

D) Resolution Opposing the "Government Cost Savings and Taxpayers Protection Amendment" (PECG Initiative)

BOARD ACTION: Discussion was held. Lloyd Crass, Kleinfelder Engineering, provided input relative to this initiative and impacts it could have over local control over projects. (M)Balmain, (S)Pickard, Res. 97-479 adopted. Motion was amended, agreeable with maker and second, to oppose the proposed "Government Cost Savings and Taxpayers Protection Amendment"/Ayes: Unanimous.

cc: File

MARIPOSA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

RESOLUTION NO. 97-479

**RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE PROPOSED "GOVERNMENT COST SAVINGS
AND TAXPAYERS PROTECTION AMENDMENT"**

WHEREAS, every day billions of dollars of critical building, engineering and design projects are underway from seismic retrofitting to flood control to schools and hospitals; and

WHEREAS, state, regional and local governments are currently allowed the flexibility to contract with private firms, on a competitive basis, to design these projects; and

WHEREAS, this process allows government the essential flexibility to use private firms to deliver a project on time and cost effectively; and

WHEREAS, the so-called "Government Cost Savings and Taxpayers Protection Amendment" completely changes the process by giving the state bureaucracy a virtual monopoly on designing every project; and

WHEREAS, this will hereby force cities, counties, schools, special districts, regional governments and even many private businesses to use the state bureaucracy to design roads, parks, hospitals, health clinics, schools, water treatment facilities, flood control walls and other critical structures - including all engineering, design, geological and environmental work; and

WHEREAS, the proposed initiative eliminates local control and forces communities to rely on the out-of-town state bureaucracy for their design work; and

WHEREAS, local governments would not be able to hold the state bureaucracy accountable; and

WHEREAS, the initiative gives one state politician enormous power to decide who gets tens of thousands of design and building projects worth billions of dollars; and

WHEREAS, the State Controller would have to analyze tens of thousands of proposed contracts per year costing taxpayers hundreds of thousands of dollars, if not millions, in additional expenses; and

WHEREAS, to meet potential workload demands, hundreds of state employees may need to be employed and paid, even if no projects were underway; and

WHEREAS, taxpayers may suffer significant extra costs for projects; and

WHEREAS, this could mean more delays on important County projects such as the County library and critical road and bridge projects.


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mariposa County Board of Supervisors opposes the so-called "Government Cost Savings and Taxpayers Protection Amendment" that will cost cities, counties, special districts and the economy millions of dollars; and

Resolution No. 97-479

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution opposing the "Government Cost Savings and Taxpayers Protection Amendment" be transmitted to County Supervisors Association of California and the Regional Council of Rural Counties with a request that they also oppose this measure.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 16th day of December, 1997 by the Mariposa County Board of Supervisors by the following vote:

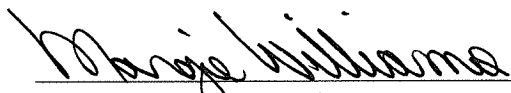
AYES: Reilly, Balmain, Stewart, Parker, Pickard
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAINED: None



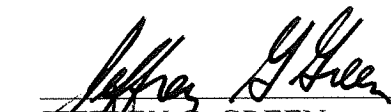
ROBERT C. STEWART, Chairman
Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND
LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:



MARGIE WILLIAMS
Clerk of the Board



JEFFREY G. GREEN
County Counsel