RECOMMENDED ACTION AND JUSTIFICATION: (Policy Item: Yes___ No_x___)

Recommend resolution authorizing Chairman to sign state Standard Agreement #95-23544 for provision of Public Health Services. For many years now, the County of Mariposa has contracted with the State for the provision of public health services. Specifically, public health nursing personnel, environmental health specialists personnel, laboratory services, and administrative services are provided via this contract. It is significant to note that payment for this contract comes from "realignment" funds which are provided to the County from the State and the formula within the contract (see Article V, Section A1) puts the State at risk, not the County: if the funds provided under "realignment" from vehicle license fees and State sales taxes fall short of projections, the County is not required to make up the difference.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:

Similar contracts have been signed over multiple past fiscal years, most recently by Resolution 95-251.

The Board signed a Letter of Intent committing to this arrangement (Resolution #95-247); the State has been excessively delayed in drafting these agreements due to some negotiations between State agencies.

LIST ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

1. Failure to sign this agreement may put the County in a position of having the fiscal responsibility of the agreement anyway because of it's previous commitment on the Letter of Intent. This issue could be researched by County Counsel if the Board wishes.

2. Other direction to staff.