

DEPARTMENT: Public Works

By:

Phone: 966-5356

RECOMMENDED ACTION AND JUSTIFICATION:

(Policy Item: Yes No)

Direct Public Works and Planning staff to develop an application for Environmental Enhancement and Mitigation Program (EEMP) funds to perform the following projects:

1. Plant trees along Highway 140 and Highway 49 within the Town of Mariposa
2. Acquire open-space easements along Mariposa Creek parallel to the Highway 49 North project, for preservation of trees and eventual development of a parallel path/bikeway.

EEMP projects can either be landscaping & urban forestry, acquisition or enhancement of resource lands, or roadside recreational, however, the projects must mitigate the effects of a "related transportation project". They must be directly or indirectly related to the environmental impact of a state transportation project OR to a "locally adopted and certified capital outlay program".

The only state projects programmed for Mariposa County are the Highway 49 North continuous left-turn lane and the Highway 132 widening and re-alignment. The Highway 49 North project WILL remove trees that now shade the edge of the pavement. As part of the project, Caltrans plans to plant some trees for mitigation, however it will be many years before these trees grow to full size. There are few or no trees to be lost along the Highway 132 project.

No match is required for this money, however, community involvement or match is always regarded favorably. Grant amounts are limited to \$ 350,000. Applications are due by November 12, 1996.

If the Board so directs, staff will return with an application for funding by the deadline.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:

The County previously applied and was awarded EEMP funds (approximately \$ 260,000) for the Roadside Rest at Coakley Circle. That project was a mitigation for the Highway 140 Continuous Left Turn lane, by adding parking and trees to mitigate effects of extra pavement and parking loss along Highway 140.

LIST ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

1. Apply for funds for one or more of the following:
 - a. Tree planting
 - b. Bikeway or walkway
 - c. Open space easements
 - d. Sidewalks or paths along Highway 49 North.

If the grant application is not successful, modify and try again next year.

2. Do not apply for funds. Application may be made in a later year, if desired, up to the year 2000.

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: > Proposition 116

Balance in Reserve Contingencies, If Approved:
\$ _____

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:

List the attachments and number the pages consecutively:

1. Application guidelines for EEMP funding _____

* There will be some staff time needed to develop the estimates and application for these funds

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Res. No.: 96-418 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 for Comment
- Returned for Further Action

Comment: _____

A.O. Initials: *mw*