

HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AGENCY
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RECOMMENDED ACTION AND JUSTIFICATION: (POLICY ITEM: YES () NO (x))
Resolution certifying a Notice of No Significant Impact on the Environment
and Preparation of a Negative Declaration regarding the Mariposa Pines
Wastewater Rehabilitation Project. (See attached memo).

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:

See attached memo.

LIST ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

See attached staff memo.

COSTS: (X) Not Applicable
A. Budgeted CURRENT FY \$ _____
B. Total anticipated costs \$ _____
C. Required add'l funding \$ _____
D. Internal transfers \$ _____

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS
List the attachments and
number pages accordingly:

_2 page staff memo_____
_38 page document_____

SOURCE: () 4/5's vote required
A. Unanticipated revenues \$ _____
B. Reserve for Contingencies \$ _____
C. Source description: _____

Balance in Reserve for Contingencies,
if approved: \$ _____

CLERK'S USE ONLY:
Resolution No.: 95-526
Ordinance No.: _____
Vote: Ayes: 5 Noes: _____
Absent: _____ Abstain: _____
hwp Approved () Denied
() Minute Order attached.
() No Action Necessary.

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S
RECOMMENDATION:
This item on Agenda as:
 Recommended
 Not recommended
 Policy determination
 Submitted w/ comment
 Returned for further action
Comment: _____

The foregoing instrument is a
correct copy of the original
on file in this office.
Date: _____

A.O. Initials: W

ATTEST: _____
MARGIE WILLIAMS
Clerk of the Board,
County of Mariposa,
State of California

BY: _____
Deputy



James F. Evans Director

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- Calaveras/Mariposa County Community Action Agency
- Head Start
- Housing Authority of the County of Mariposa
- Recreation Programs

November 29, 1995

TO: BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

FROM: James F. Evans, HCDA Director *Jme*
Mike Edwards, Public Works Director

SUBJECT: MARIPOSA PINES WASTEWATER IMPROVEMENT PROJECT ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

As you are aware, the County was awarded a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) in the amount of \$168,500 to compliment \$160,000 in Mariposa County Water Agency funds (Water Agency Resolution 95-1) to finance improvements to the Mariposa Pines Wastewater System.

CDBG Special Conditions require that the Environmental Review be completed by December 14, 1995. In addition, the Review must comply with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

Attached for your consideration is a Initial Study/ Environmental Assessment (IS/EA) as required by CEQA and NEPA. The IS/EA recommends a Finding of No Significant Impact (NEPA) and Negative Declaration (CEQA). The State Clearinghouse and adjacent property owners were notified of the recommended action and comments were solicited. A Notice of Finding of No Significant Impact on the Environment and Preparation of a Negative Declaration and Notice of Intent to Request Release of Funds was published in the Mariposa Gazette on November 9, 1995. All comments received will be presented at the Board meeting.

Since the project does not provide a growth-inducing impact, the major environmental concerns were associated with construction of the leachfield particularly possible impacts on prehistoric and/or historic resources and the nearby meadow/wetlands. A California Historical Resources Information System "records search" recommended a site survey for possible presence of items associated with past gold mining. A site visit indicated no possible historic artifacts since the site has been previously impacted. A review of the California Department of Fish and Game Natural Diversity Data Base noted the possible presence of a threatened plant, the Slender Stemmed Monkeyflower. The

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habitat for this plant is moist granitic soil at the margins of meadows or wetlands. There will be no negative impacts on this plant since construction activities will not occur in or near the adjacent meadow.

It is important to note the following:

- (1) The surrounding property is zoned Rural Residential. Residential development is exempt from environmental review. Public use of the property will provide greater positive environmental aspects than residential development.
- (2) Potential environmental impacts are associated solely with the construction of the 1.5 Acre leachfield. The recommended purchase of a 5 Acre parcel would provide for substantial open space and a buffer between the existing wastewater plant and future residential development.
- (3) Completion of the wastewater improvement project will alleviate a problem that has adverse environmental impacts.

Staff recommends that the Board of Supervisors certify the Finding of No Significant Impact and authorize preparation of a Negative Declaration.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.