

1 MARIPOSA COUNTY RESOLUTION NO. 81-123

2 A RESOLUTION GOVERNING DISTRIBUTION
3 OF MEETING NOTICES AND MATERIALS
4 TO MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES

5 IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Mariposa
6 County, a political subdivision of the State of California as
7 follows:

8 1. Agendas and related public record materials regarding the
9 business to be conducted at meetings of the Board of Supervisors
10 shall be made available free of charge to representatives of each
11 local newspaper of general circulation, radio and television sta-
12 tion requesting notice of meetings in writing pursuant to Govern-
13 ment Code Section 54956, provided that each representative is
14 identified by name in the written request for notice.

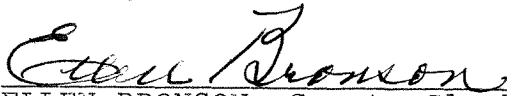
15 2. Such aforementioned materials shall be available at the
16 established copying charge to members of the public in general at
17 the County Clerk's office on or before the day of each such meeting
18 of the Board of Supervisors, except in emergency situations as
19 provided for in Government Code Section 54956.5.

20 PASSED AND ADOPTED this 14th day of July, 1981, by the
21 Board of Supervisors of Mariposa County, by the following vote:

22 AYES: Taber, Dalton, Erickson, Moffitt
23 NOES: None
24 ABSENT: District One (vacant)
25 ABSTAINED: None

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WILLIAM H. MOFFITT, Chairman
Board of Supervisors

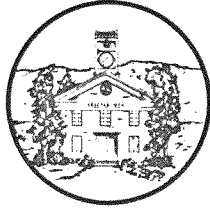
27 ATTEST:

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ELLEN BRONSON, County Clerk and
Ex Officio Clerk of the Board

APPROVED AS TO FORM
AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY


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Dear Media Managers:

Mariposa County has followed a practice of providing free copies of agendas and meeting materials to the press and media who attend meetings of the Board of Supervisors. The County wishes to continue this practice notwithstanding the increasing cost of copying such materials.

Recently some individuals have demanded free materials alleging that they are representatives of the media, yet their status cannot be confirmed with local newspaper offices or stations.

Since the Brown Act at Government Code Section 54956 requires special meeting notices to media requesting same in writing, the Board has acted to have such written notice requests also govern the free distribution of materials to media representatives.

Please send a letter identifying your representatives, if you request notices of meetings and wish agenda materials available to your reporters. Free materials will not be mailed, except possibly in special meeting situations, but may be picked up in person by representatives identified in your letter, which you may update from time to time.

Naturally other public records are always available at the established copying fee.

Very truly yours,


RICHARD K. DENHALTER
County Counsel

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