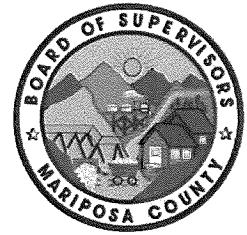


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RESOLUTION - ACTION REQUESTED 2021-257

MEETING: May 11, 2021

TO: The Board of Supervisors

FROM: Marshall Long, District III Supervisor

RE: Letter of Support for MRCD Grant Southern Sierra All Lands Restoration and Recovery 20-FH-MMU-063

RECOMMENDATION AND JUSTIFICATION:

Approve a Letter of Support for a Grant Application Submitted by the Mariposa County Resource Conservation District (MCRCD) for Southern Sierra All Lands Restoration and Recovery (SSARR) program Fuels Reduction Partnership 20-FH-MMU-063; and Authorize the Board of Supervisors Chair to Sign the Letter (Board Chair).

Mariposa County Resource Conservation District has requested a Letter of Support from the Mariposa County Board of Supervisors to include in their Grant Package.

If approved this Grant will provide for fuels reduction along Highway 49 S from the Madera County line to the intersection of Highway 140 at Mariposa Creek; a partnership with Caltrans, United States Forest Service, and Sierra National Forest to treat all lands along this major County artery; protection for the Wildland-Urban Interface (WUI) and forest lands that lie between the two highways, a high percentage of which are in High Fire Severity Zones; create shaded fuel breaks and increase defensible space for firefighters; protect evacuation routes; this can be done in conjunction with County Public Works' fuels reduction work along County roads to increase overall fuels reduction effectiveness; and combine high priority projects for CAL FIRE MMU and Caltrans.

Please see the letter from the Mariposa County Resource Conservation District for additional information.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:

The Board has routinely approved letters of support for issues that they believe will benefit the citizens of Mariposa County.

ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

Do not approve the letter. Individual Board members may write their own letters of support for the grant application which may not carry the weight of a letter from the entire Board.

ATTACHMENTS:

**Southern Sierra All Lands Restoration and Recovery (SSARR) Program Fuels
Reduction Partnership 20-FH-MMU-063 (PDF)**

RESULT: ADOPTED BY CONSENT VOTE [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: Wayne Forsythe, District IV Supervisor

SECONDER: Rosemarie Smallcombe, District I Supervisor

AYES: Rosemarie Smallcombe, Marshall Long, Wayne Forsythe, Miles Menetrey

EXCUSED: Tom Sweeney

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Dear Grant Manager:

RE: 20-FH-MMU-063

**Southern Sierra All Lands Restoration and Recovery Project – Fuels Reduction Partnership
Mariposa County**

Mariposa County Board of Supervisors is pleased to support the Mariposa County Resource Conservation District application for the Southern Sierra All Lands Restoration and Recovery Project (SSARR) Fuels Reduction Partnership. This project is part of the larger Southern Sierra All-Lands Restoration and Recovery Program which is a collaborative effort that includes multiple public and private land owners and managers as well as research that will aid in understanding and mitigating the effects of climate change on our forests.

The southern portion of the Sierra Nevada has been hard hit by the effects of climate change. Our lands have been impacted by multi-year extreme drought conditions, massive tree mortality, an increase in the number and severity of wildland fires, and destructive flooding and erosion attributable to changing weather patterns and a changing landscape. These challenges far exceed the resources available to address them.

The Fuels reduction partnership includes public and private lands and is vital to reduce carbon emissions by reducing the threat of high intensity wildfire. This in turn protects public health and safety and preserves the cornerstone of our local economy which is tourism to our national park and national forests.

This project meets the objectives of the Climate Change Initiative Forest Health program for CAL FIRE, as well as accomplishing vital work to restore and protect some of the most important forest lands and headwaters in the State of California.

The Southern Sierra All Lands Restoration and Recovery Program is an excellent example of protecting and preserving local resources in a collaborative way that provides multiple benefits.

Sincerely,

Marshall Long
Board Chair