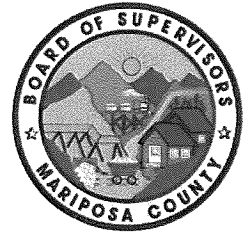


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## RESOLUTION - ACTION REQUESTED 2021-258

MEETING: May 11, 2021

TO: The Board of Supervisors

FROM: Marshall Long, District III Supervisor

RE: Letter of Support for FSC Grant Application - Alta Vista Fuel Break Project 20-FP-MMU-0051

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### RECOMMENDATION AND JUSTIFICATION:

Approve a Letter of Support for a Grant Application Submitted by the Mariposa County Fire Safe Council for Alta Vista Fuel Break Project 20-FP-MMU-0051; and Authorize the Board of Supervisors Chair to Sign the Letter (Board Chair).

Mariposa County Fire Safe Council has requested a Letter of Support from the Mariposa County Board of Supervisors to include in their Grant Package.

The Alta Vista Fuel Break will provide a strategic location from which to protect the principal population and infrastructure center of Mariposa County, the Stockton Creek Watershed and the Saxon Creek water pumping project, John C Fremont Hospital, the CAL FIRE MMU Headquarters, the Mariposa Airport and helitack base, the CAL FIRE/CDCR Mt. Bullion Conservation Camp, the extensive communication and broadcasting tower complex atop Mt. Bullion, PG&E power lines, the entirety of county administration offices, and hundreds of homes within the PIZ of the project.

Please see the letter from the Mariposa County Fire Safe Council 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:

**Alta Vista Fuel Break Project - 20-FP-MMU-0051 (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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Re: Letter of Support for 20-FP-MMU-0051 – Alta Vista Fuel Break Project

To Whom It May Concern:

Mariposa County Board of Supervisors are pleased to support 20-FP-MMU-0051 for the Alta Vista Fuel Break Project submitted by the Mariposa County Fire Safe Council, Inc. This is a fuel break project which we have recently invested development funding because it is a priority implementation of the Mariposa Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP).

The Mariposa County Board of Supervisors established the Mariposa County Fire Advisory Committee (MCFAC) as a multi-stakeholder group engaging a holistic approach in considering and making recommendations on important topics such as pre-fire coordination, fire prevention education, fire risk reduction and resource resiliency to both the County Fire Chief and Board of Supervisors. The MCFAC was formed to improve strategic planning and cooperation around wildfire needs for Mariposa County. The Alta Vista Fuel Break is a priority recommendation of MCFAC and the County Fire Chief to the Mariposa County Board of Supervisors.

CAL FIRE has proposed a Midpines/Mt. Bullion Fuels Break in their 2020 MMU Strategic Plan as part of a larger Fuel Break Master Plan. The Alta Vista Fuel Break is the first phase implementation, and a keystone piece, of this MMU top priority fuel break Master Plan.

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Conservation Camp, the extensive communication and broadcasting tower complex atop Mt. Bullion, PG&E power lines, the entirety of county administration offices, and hundreds of homes within the PIZ of the project.

Mariposa County is one of the hardest hit counties in the Sierra Nevada, suffering from the consequences of drought, tree mortality, flooding, and catastrophic wildfires. Highly strategic fuel breaks, like Alta Vista, are critical for mitigating the impact of wildfire by reducing the risk of fire ember ignition susceptibility, intensity, behavior to a crown fire and high burn severity on the watershed and our WUI community. This fuel break will establish a ridgeline resilient to wildfire while providing firefighters a safe location to stage an effective fire fight.

We urge you to award a Fire Prevention grant to the Mariposa Fire Safe Council to implement the Alta Vista Fuel Break Project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Marshall Long". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a prominent checkmark-like flourish at the end.

Marshall Long,  
Board Chair