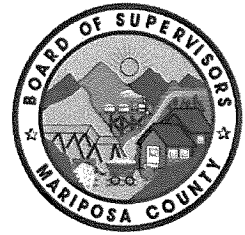


MARIPOSA COUNTY

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RESOLUTION - ACTION REQUESTED 2021-467

MEETING: August 10, 2021

TO: The Board of Supervisors

FROM: Dallin Kimble, County Administrative Officer

RE: Approve Letters of Thanks for the Congressionally Directed Spending Request for Wawona Ambulance Bay

RECOMMENDATION AND JUSTIFICATION:

Approve Letters of Thanks for the Congressionally Directed Spending Request for the Wawona Ambulance Bay; and Authorize the Board of Supervisors Chair to Sign the Letters.

For many years, Mariposa County has provided a shelter for a National Park Service (NPS) ambulance to be parked in the Wawona area of Yosemite National Park. Through a mutual aid agreement, this ambulance has served the residents of Wawona and Yosemite West as well as visitor needs in Mariposa Grove, Wawona and Glacier Point.

Recently, Yosemite National Park replaced their ambulance from 1985 with a new model. The new ambulance will provide better services to those in need of medical care, but unfortunately does not fit in the shelter. As a result, the ambulance is being parked in Yosemite Valley, adding 45 minutes or more to the time needed to respond to demands in the southern portion of Yosemite National Park.

At the invitation of Senators Feinstein and Padilla, the County has requested \$350,000 in federal funds to build a new ambulance bay in Wawona. Both senators advanced our request to the appropriations committee. While the outcome is yet uncertain, the attached letters thank the senators for advancing our request and their efforts in our behalf.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:

The Board routinely approves or ratifies letters that it determines to be in the best interest of the county.

ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

Do not approve. The letters would not be sent.

ATTACHMENTS:

Federal Earmark Request_County of Mariposa_Sen Feinstein (PDF)

Federal Earmark Request_County of Mariposa_Sen Padilla (PDF)

RESULT: ADOPTED BY CONSENT VOTE [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Tom Sweeney, District II Supervisors
SECONDER: Rosemarie Smallcombe, District I Supervisor
AYES: Smallcombe, Sweeney, Long, Forsythe, Menetrey

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The Honorable Dianne Feinstein
United States Senate
331 Hart Senate Office Building
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Respectfully,

Marshall Long, Chair
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