

DEPARTMENT: Board of Supervisors

BY: Janet Bibby  
PHONE: 966-3222

**RECOMMENDED ACTION AND JUSTIFICATION:**

Adopt a Resolution requesting the Federal Government to continue funding the Workforce Investment Act at current levels. Congress is considering a rescission of \$335 million of carryover funding in the Fiscal Year 2008 Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education Appropriation Bill. Without this carryover funding many one-stop employment centers including the one in Mariposa, may be forced to reduce hours or face closures, which will have severe detrimental effects on employment training and placement.

Copies of the resolution should be sent the County's federal representatives, National Association of Counties (NACo), and the California State Association of Counties (CSAC).

**BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:**

In past actions the Board has adopted Resolutions that support issues that are critical to the economic stability of the County.

**ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:**

Do not adopt the Resolution. Individual Supervisors may write their own letters in support of this issue, which may not carry the significance of the support of the entire Board.

Financial Impact? ( ) Yes (X) No	Current FY Cost: \$	Annual Recurring Cost: \$
Budgeted In Current FY? ( ) Yes ( ) No ( ) Partially Funded		
Amount in Budget: \$ _____		List Attachments, number pages consecutively _____
Additional Funding Needed: \$ _____		Draft Resolution _____
Source:		_____
Internal Transfer _____		_____
Unanticipated Revenue _____ 4/5's vote		_____
Transfer Between Funds _____ 4/5's vote		_____
Contingency _____ 4/5's vote		_____
( ) General ( ) Other _____		_____

**CLERK'S USE ONLY:**

Res. No. 02-534 Ord. No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Vote - Ayes: 4 Noes: \_\_\_\_\_  
Absent: Fritz  
AW Approved  
6 Minute Order Attached ( ) No Action Necessary

**COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER:**

Requested Action Recommended  
 No Opinion  
Comments:  
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The foregoing instrument is a correct copy of the original on file in this office.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Attest: MARGIE WILLIAMS, Clerk of the Board  
County of Mariposa, State of California

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy

CAO: [Signature]



# COUNTY of MARIPOSA

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## MARIPOSA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

### MINUTE ORDER

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TO: SUPERVISOR BIBBY

FROM: MARGIE WILLIAMS, Clerk of the Board *MW*

SUBJECT: Adopt a Resolution Requesting the Federal Government to Continue Funding the Workforce Investment Act at Current Levels

RESOLUTION 09-534

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MARIPOSA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

ADOPTED THIS Order on November 13, 2007

#### ACTION AND VOTE:

Adopt a Resolution Requesting the Federal Government to Continue Funding the Workforce Investment Act at Current Levels (Chair Bibby)

**BOARD ACTION:** Gwen Nitta, Mother Lode Job Training, provided input. Following discussion, (M)Pickard, (S)Turpin, Res. 07-534 was adopted as recommended, with direction given for a cover letter to be sent with the Resolution to Congressman Radanovich, Senators Boxer and Feinstein, and copies to be sent to NACO and CSAC/Ayes: Aborn, Turpin, Bibby, Pickard; Excused: Fritz.

Cc: File

**MARIPOSA COUNTY RESOLUTION NO. 07 - 534**

**A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO  
CONTINUE FUNDING THE WORFORCE INVESTMENT ACT AT CURRENT LEVELS**

**WHEREAS**, the Mother Lode Consortium is one of forty-nine Local Workforce Investment Areas (LWIA) in California funded under the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 (WIA); and

**WHEREAS**, the Consortium encompasses the four contiguous counties of Amador, Calaveras, Mariposa, and Tuolumne with a population of over 160,000 citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, in rural areas such as ours, LWIAs are THE source of employment training services and resources, and without them workers and employers would be inadequately served, thereby drastically impacting the local economy; and

**WHEREAS**, WIA funding allocations are used through the one-stop employment resource centers known as the "Job Connection" to assist dislocated workers, veterans, older workers, public assistance recipients, and youth; and

**WHEREAS**, limited transportation in these areas is a barrier to employment and having one-stop centers provides easier access to resources and services; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed \$335 million rescission of carryover funding in the House Fiscal Year 2008 Appropriations Labor-HHS-Education Bill will translate to \$39.2 million for California or approximately 11-percent of the State's current formula allotment; and

**WHEREAS**, locally this could result in a rescission of 11-percent of our local WIA allocation, or approximately \$196 thousand; and

**WHEREAS**, with a rescission of WIA funds as proposed, this could result in closures of local one-stop employment centers, severe reductions in available services to the community, and associated political and socioeconomic ramifications within our region; and

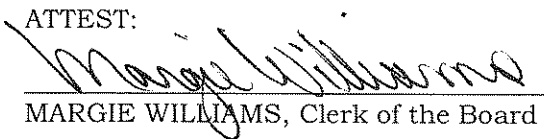
**WHEREAS**, the carryover funding that does exist within the system is in fact allowed under the WIA Section 667.107(a) which states that "... funds allocated to the States under WIA sections 127(b) and 132(b) for any program year are available for expenditure by the State receiving the funds during the program year and the two succeeding program years."

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Mariposa County Board of Supervisors respectfully request that as Congress moves forward on the Fiscal Year 2008 Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education Appropriation Bill, that you reject the \$335 million rescission of WIA carryover funding.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Board of Supervisors of Mariposa County a political subdivision of the State of California this 13<sup>th</sup> day of November 2007, by unanimous vote.

  
JANET BIBBY, Chairman

ATTEST:

  
MARGIE WILLIAMS, Clerk of the Board

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
THOMAS P. GUARINO, County Counsel

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November 13, 2007

The Honorable Dianne Feinstein  
United States Senator  
331 Hart Office Building  
Washington, District of Columbia 20510


RE: Workforce Investment Act Funding

Dear Senator Feinstein:

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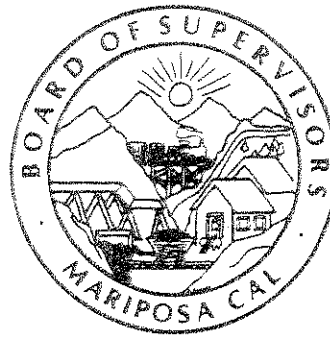


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The Honorable Barbara Boxer  
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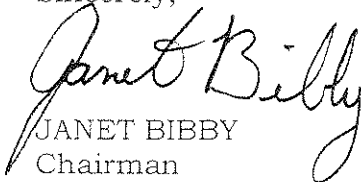
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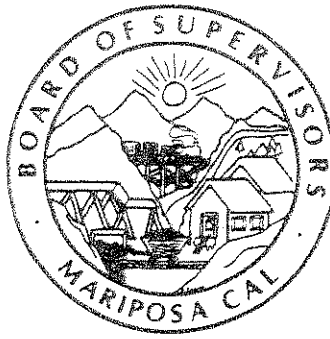
  
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United States Congress Member  
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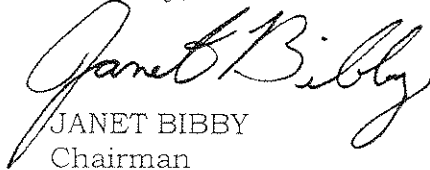
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