

DEPARTMENT: Administration

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RECOMMENDED ACTION AND JUSTIFICATION:

Tentatively approve the use of Title III funding from the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000 (HR 2389) for Mariposa County Fire Safe Council's proposals. The first proposal is funding of \$51,400 to continue with the Fire Safe Council's efforts in fire prevention education and obtaining grants to mitigate the County's wildfire vulnerability. The second proposal is for matching grant funds of \$27,390 for continuation of the defensible space education/chipping demonstration program. Both proposals will provide funding from July 1, 2006, through June 30, 2007. Please see the attached proposals for additional information.

Before the Board may formally approve the proposals, there must first be a 45-day comment public comment period. If the Board is in favor of tentatively approving these proposals, then staff would notice the proposals and begin the 45-day public comment period. At the end of the 45-day public comment period the Board would then review the comments (if any) and be asked to formally approve the use Title III funds for proposals as well as any agreements.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:

Beginning in 2001 and ending in 2006, Mariposa County received funding from HR 2389. The Board has opted to use this funding for Title III projects, which include (1) Search and rescue and other emergency services performed on Federal lands and paid for by the County; (2) Community service work camps (inmate community service on Federal lands); (3) Easement purchases; (4) Forest related educational opportunities; (5) Fire prevention and county planning; (6) Community forestry. The Mariposa County Fire Safe Council's proposals meet these guidelines.

ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

Do not tentatively approve these proposals. The Mariposa County Fire Safe Council will need to seek funding from other sources.

Financial Impact? () Yes () 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: \$		Mariposa County Fire Safe Council Proposals
Source:		Forest Reserve Fund 345 Funding Status
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.: 06-271 Ord. No. _____
Vote - Ayes: 5 Noes: _____
Absent: _____
Approved
() Minute Order Attached () No Action Necessary

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

COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER:

Requested Action Recommended
 No Opinion
Comments:

CAO: _____