

DEPARTMENT: Public Works

By: Thomas J. Starling
Solid Waste Coordinator

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RECOMMENDED ACTION AND JUSTIFICATION: (Policy Item: Yes_ No_X)

Resolution to approve and authorization for the County Auditor to issue a warrant for \$500 to the SWANA Legislative Task Forces (LTF) for solid waste legislative advocacy.

The SWANA LTF has been very active in all legislative issues that pertain to solid waste for a number of years. Because of the amount and complexity of solid waste legislature, it has been necessary for the LTF to hire an advocate with extensive solid waste legislative experience. By sharing this expense (which is based on population) among all members of the LTF, a highly effective advocate has been monitoring, prioritizing, supporting and opposing legislation for all SWANA LTF members. This effort has provided the best, by far, avenue for legislative advocacy for Mariposa County relative to solid waste issues.

The County's Solid Waste Coordinator is the only rural representative on the LTF.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:

The Board passed Resolution No. 93-392 authorizing the County's Solid Waste Coordinator to be one of the nine voting members of SWANA's LTF in the State.

LIST ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

- 1) Do not approve the action which may or may not effect the continuation of legislative advocacy for SWANA's LTF.

COSTS: () Not Applicable
A. Budgeted current FY \$500
B. Total anticipated costs \$500*
C. Required additional funding \$0
D. Internal transfers \$
SOURCE: () 4/5th Vote Required
A. Unanticipated revenues \$
B. Reserve for contingencies \$
C. Source description:
Balance in Reserve Contingencies,
if approved: \$ *Solid Waste Enterprise Budget for Professional Services.

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:
List the attachments and number the pages consecutively:
1) Solicitation form SWANA (3 ppgs)

CLERK'S USE ONLY

Res. No.: 96-419 Ord. No. _____
Vote - Ayes: 5 Noes: _____
Absent: _____ Abstained: _____
Approved () Denied
() 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

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION:
This item on agenda as:

- Recommended
- Not Recommended
- For Policy Determination
- Submitted with Comment
- Returned for Further Action

Comment: _____

A.O. Initials: 

96-414

MARIPOSA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

MINUTE ORDER

TO: JIM EVANS, HCD Director
 FROM: MARGIE WILLIAMS, Clerk of the Board *MW*
 SUBJECT: CATHEYS VALLEY SCHOOL HOUSE

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MARIPOSA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA,
 ADOPTED THIS Order on October 8, 1996

ACTION AND VOTE:

Caroline Wenger Korn and Betty McRee;
 Proposal to Save and Restore the Catheys Valley School House as a Pioneer School
 Museum and Living History Center
BOARD ACTION: Caroline Korn presented their proposal and request for financial
 assistance, and a list of comments in support of the project from the community.

9:16 a.m. Public Hearing relative to the Mariposa Pines Wastewater Treatment Plant
 Rehabilitation project was opened and continued to after the following matter.

Further discussion was held concerning the proposal to save and restore the Catheys
 Valley School House. George Gordo urged support for this project. Betty McRee voiced
 her concern that the School be saved. Jim Evans/Housing and Community Development
 Agency Director, stated he would be willing to work with the Committee to submit
 funding proposals to foundations for this project. (M)Stewart, (S)Parker, Res. 96-414
 adopted appropriating \$5,000 from Reserve for Contingencies for moving costs (\$4,500)
 and to cover building permit fees (\$500); with the on-going costs not considered at this
 time; and with direction for the Housing and Community Development Agency Director
 to assist with foundation grants/Ayes: Unanimous. Further direction was given for the
 Housing and Community Development Agency Director to be responsible for overseeing
 this project with regards to the expense of County funds.

cc: Ken Hawkins, Auditor
 Ed Johnson, Planning & Building Director
 Mike Edwards, Public Works Director
 Caroline Wenger Korn
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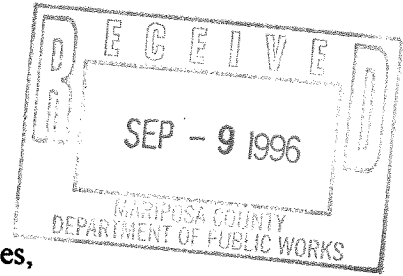
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September 3, 1996



Public Works Directors and
Solid Waste Managers in California Cities,
Counties, JPA's, and Special Districts

Subject: Contributions in Support of Local Government
Legislative Activities in Solid Waste Matters

Dear Director:

As many of you know from personal participation, the SWANA Legislative Task Force (SWANA LTF) is a pro-active, aggressive presence in monitoring, sponsoring, and sometimes opposing legislation that affects a broad spectrum of solid waste issues state-wide, certainly including all initiatives to implement and to revise AB939.

The LTF membership is drawn from the three California SWANA Chapters, and includes representatives from the public and private sectors. All of the members meet once a month, all day, during the legislative session. Many also work on specific issues between meetings.

In addition to the meetings and members' work, we have found it absolutely necessary to have a professional legislative advocate to represent our interests, to "take the pulse" of the legislature, to contact legislators and to keep LTF members informed. The legislative advocate insures that SWANA and local government solid waste departments are visible, recognized players in the legislative process.

Our legislative advocate is Paul Yoder of the firm of Gerber & Associates. Paul is a highly effective advocate for local government solid waste interests. His live-wire, assertive approach gets results.

Of course, an active legislative effort as described above requires funding. The three California SWANA chapters provide most of the funding, but the effort also requires monetary support from local governments who benefit from LTF activities.

During the past year and a half, two specific projects have also demanded funding; these needs went well beyond what SWANA chapters could afford. The two issues were the California Flow Control Alliance and, currently, the Waste

Diversion Cost Effectiveness Study. Local governments have donated generously to both causes. The monies contributed were spent, or are currently being spent directly on these projects, not on other legislative activities or on the day-to-day work of the LTF.

While the day-to-day work is often less visible and less exciting than the special projects, it is even more important, as our continuous presence in the legislative arena produces monitoring and action on the 60 or so solid waste bills that are considered by the legislature each year. The LTF monitors, prioritizes, supports or opposes legislation. In order to do these jobs, the LTF infrastructure has to be in place, working, and adequately funded.

All of the above is by way of explaining why the LTF needs your support once again. We try to limit these general fund raising requests to every other year, and this is the "on year".

We realize that all cities, counties and JPA's are not in a position to respond to all of these requests, and the suggested levels of contribution noted below are just that, suggestions. The SWANA LTF will guarantee effective use of the funds you contribute, will keep you informed in general and respond to your specific inquiries as needed, and will represent your interests in the California legislative arena. None of the funds you contribute are used for social activities or political contributions.

Contributions suggested for cities of 500,000 population and above - \$5,000. 100,000 to 500,000 population - \$3,000, and less than 100,000 population - \$250 - \$1,000. For counties of 700,000 population and above - \$5,000, for 200,000 to 700,000 population - \$3,000, and for 200,000 population or less \$500 - \$1,000. Other public agencies can use the above as guidelines and contribute as appropriate. Please make out contribution checks to SWANA Legislative Task Force, and address to:

Donald E. Cluxton, LTF Treasurer
Kings Waste & Recycling Authority
7803 Hanford-Armona Road
Hanford, CA 93230
(209) 583-8829 - FAX 209-582-2757

Sincerely,

SWANA LEGISLATIVE TASK FORCE



Doug Landon
Chairman

**EXAMPLES OF CURRENT ISSUES/ACCOMPLISHMENTS
SWANA LTF**

1. **Solid Waste Flow Control** - Lobbying was done in the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives in conjunction with the California Flow Control Alliance. Flow control *per se*, was not re-established but proposed legislation that would have invalidated California franchise and contracting arrangements was stopped. LTF efforts also served to educate California legislators in the U.S. Congress concerning this area of vital concern to local governments.
2. **Cost Effectiveness Study** - The LTF has hired a consultant (Skumatz & Associates) to prepare this study. The study is the culmination of more than two years of effort. In the absence of other active proponents, the LTF took the initiative to study cost benefits and cost effectiveness of waste diversion efforts so far, as well as projected waste diversion efforts to the 50% goal in the year 2000.
3. **AB59** - (Established civil penalties even for minor landfill permit violations.) AB59 was passed in spite of vigorous opposition by the LTF, but some of the more objectionable provisions of the Bill were removed or moderated as a result of LTF efforts.
4. **Regulatory Review** - As state agencies write regulations to implement legislation passed in prior years (especially AB1220), the LTF actively monitors the regulation writing, keeps members informed of the status of regulations and makes input to the regulation preparation at every stage.
5. **Alternate Daily Cover** - (AB1647 and AB2323) The LTF stays effectively in the middle of this long-standing effort to provide sensible, local government-friendly solutions to the alternate daily cover discussion.
6. **RMDZ Extension** - (SB1535) The LTF supports this bill extending the life of the RMDZ program. For those local governments that use the program, there is significant funding available for commercial solid waste and recycling projects.
7. **CIWMB Reorganization** - The LTF follows closely proposals by the Governor to reorganize the Waste Board. Any such reorganization would affect all solid waste departments and authorities in the state, and some of the more sweeping proposals would have a profound affect. The LTF makes its' opinions known and keeps members informed in this vital ongoing project of the Governor's office.

NOTE:

Space precludes a longer listing of LTF activities. Suffice to say the above is a representative cross-section of the many areas in which the LTF represents SWANA and local governments in the solid waste legislative arena.