

**MARIPOSA COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

**AGENDA
ACTION FORM**

DATE: 10-8-96
AGENDA ITEM NO.: 10

DEPARTMENT: _____

BY: _____

PHONE: _____

RECOMMENDED ACTION AND JUSTIFICATION:

(Policy Item: Yes ___ No x)

Discussion and Possible Direction Regarding the Proposed New Area Code Boundaries

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:

According to correspondence from the California Code Administration, due to the demand on telephone service the 209 area code is projected to run out of telephone numbers by 1999. There are two proposed alternatives for a new area code which are attached for the Board's information. One alternative changes the boundaries for the 209 area code; the second alternative is an overlay whereby any new numbers issued will have a different area code. It appears that the first alternative splits Mariposa County through the middle.

The California Code Administration, on behalf of the telecommunications industry and the CPUC, has scheduled public meetings city, county and legislative representatives, chambers of commerce and school districts for participation in discussions regarding the proposed plans for a new area code within the 209 area. Supervisor Pickard will attend one of the information and discussion meetings and will be available to report on the issue during the discussion.

The City of Merced adopted a resolution urging the retention of the 209 area in the northern sector of the existing 209 region, recommending that any final resolution assign the same area code to Merced and Mariposa Counties and the Yosemite National Park. A copy of the resolution is attached.

The Board has received a request from the Mariposa Chamber of Commerce to recommend that the new boundaries be relocated so that all of Mariposa and Merced Counties remain in the 209 area code, copy attached.

LIST ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

- The Board may wish to direct that a resolution be prepared with suggestions for alternative division of the 209 area based on information available at the time this item is discussed.

<p>COSTS: (x) Not Applicable</p> <p>A. Budgeted Current FY \$</p> <p>B. Total Anticipated Costs \$</p> <p>C. Required Additional Funding \$</p> <p>D. Internal Transfers \$</p> <p>SOURCE: () 4/5ths Vote Required \$</p> <p>A. Unanticipated Revenues \$</p> <p>B. Reserve for Contingencies \$</p> <p>C. Source Description: _____</p> <p>Balance in Reserve for Contingencies, if approved: _____</p>	<p>SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:</p> <p>List the attachments and number the pages consecutively:</p> <p>Correspondence from the California Code Administration</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>
<p>CLERKS USE ONLY:</p> <p>Res. No. <u>96-415</u> Ord. No. _____</p> <p>Vote - Ayes: <u>5</u> Noes: _____</p> <p>Absent: _____ Abstained: _____</p> <p>Approved () Denied ()</p> <p>Minute Order Attached () No Action Necessary ()</p> <p>The foregoing instrument is a correct copy of the original on file in this office</p> <p>Date: _____</p> <p>ATTEST: _____</p> <p>MARGIE WILLIAMS, Clerk of the Board County of Mariposa, State of California</p> <p>BY: _____</p> <p>Deputy</p>	<p>ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION:</p> <p>This item on agenda as:</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Recommended</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Not Recommended</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> For Policy Determination</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Submitted with Comment</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Returned for Further Action</p> <p>Comment: _____</p> <p>CAO's Initials: <u>CA</u></p>

MARIPOSA COUNTY RESOLUTION NO. 96- 415

A RESOLUTION URGING RETENTION OF THE 209 AREA CODE

WHEREAS, Mariposa County recognizes that the existing area code 209 is reaching a point of saturation; and

WHEREAS, the service exchange boundaries split Mariposa County, and to follow these boundaries in splitting the 209 area code would result in great economic impacts and considerable inconveniences to Mariposa County for the following reasons:

- Mariposa County government provides Countywide services, there are no incorporated cities within the County;
- Mariposa County Unified School District provides Countywide services;
- Mariposa County is part of the Yosemite Area Travelers Information System;
- Mariposa County is a small rural County with a slow projected growth rate that would not significantly affect the 209 area code; and

WHEREAS, Mariposa County's economy is reliant on tourism associated with Yosemite National Park and three Highway corridors to Yosemite National Park traverse Mariposa County: Highway 120, 41 and 140; it is felt that it would be beneficial to serve the visitors in the Yosemite Region with a common area code; and

WHEREAS, Mariposa County and its businesses have invested considerable expense in preparing and distributing brochures and promotional materials in an attempt to stimulate economic development activities and tourism to the area;


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mariposa County Board of Supervisors, a political subdivision of the State of California, that it strongly urges the retention of the 209 area code throughout the entire County and the Yosemite Region.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Mariposa County Board of Supervisors this 8th day of October, 1996, by the following vote:

AYES: Reilly, Balmain, Stewart, Parker, and Pickard

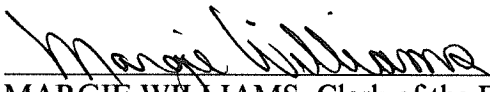
NOES: None

ABSENT: None
ABSTAINED: None



DOUG BALMAIN, Chairman
Mariposa County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:



MARGIE WILLIAMS, Clerk of the Board

Approved as to form and legal sufficiency:




JEFFREY G. GREEN, County Counsel

MARIPOSA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

MINUTE ORDER

TO: SUPERVISOR BALMAIN
SUPERVISOR PICKARD

FROM: MARGIE WILLIAMS, Clerk of the Board 

SUBJECT: PROPOSED NEW AREA CODE BOUNDARIES

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MARIPOSA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA,

ADOPTED THIS Order on October 8, 1996

ACTION AND VOTE:

Discussion and Possible Direction Regarding the Proposed New Area Code Boundaries
(Chairman Balmain)

BOARD ACTION: Supervisor Pickard advised of the public meeting he attended relative to this matter. Doug Hescox/Pacific Bell Technology Consultant, stated he works for the California Code Administration and is neutral in this matter and represents the industry. He explained the service area districts and proposed change and advised that they will be meeting the middle of next month to recommend a final plan to the Public Utilities Commission (PUC). Discussion was held concerning the proposal and the alternative being considered for recommendation to the PUC which would divide the County and its potential impacts. Supervisor Pickard suggested the boundary be changed to include Eastern Madera County and Mariposa County in the 209 code area and the Board concurred with this recommendation. Supervisor Reilly advised of action taken by YATI relative to this matter. Frank Long stated he disagreed with the proposal presented to the Board to split the County. (M)Pickard, (S)Reilly, Res. 96-415 adopted urging retention of the 209 area code throughout the entire County and the Yosemite Region/Ayes: Unanimous. Dave Folsom/Sierra Telephone, stated they are interested in considering all suggestions, and introduced Linda Burton and Roger Mohrbacher/Sierra Telephone, who were also present for this discussion. A member of the audience asked about the difference between permissive and mandatory dialing.

cc: File