

DEPARTMENT: Board of Supervisors BY: Garry R. Parker PHONE: 966-3222  
Chairman

RECOMMENDED ACTION AND JUSTIFICATION: (Policy Item: Yes \_\_\_ No x)  
Resolution in Support of Request for State Assistance to Remove Snow  
From Trans-Sierra Highway 120

**BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:**

This action urges the assistance of the Governor in providing State resources to remove snow and re-open Highway 120 as soon as possible. Although the National Park Service, the California Department of Transportation, and the Mono County Public Works Department are committed to aggressive efforts to re-open the Highway 120 trans-Sierra highway for access to the Eastern Sierra, they are encountering unusually severe problems because of the heavy snow accumulation from the recent winter storms. Highway 120 through Yosemite National Park is the major trans-Sierra highway providing access to the communities and residents of the Eastern Sierra which are highly dependent upon a relatively short seasonal tourism economy, and is a critical transportation link to our own North County residents and Mariposa's overall tourism economy.

The Board has actively supported the re-opening of this highway in the past and by Resolution No. 93-243 contributed \$2,000 in 1993 to an early re-opening.

**LIST ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:**

- 1. The Board's support of this request is important to the communities in the Eastern Sierra and to the economy of Mariposa.

COSTS: ( x ) Not Applicable	
A. Budgeted current FY	\$ _____
B. Total anticipated costs	\$ _____
C. Required additional funding	\$ _____
D. Internal transfers	\$ _____
SOURCE: ( ) 4/5ths Vote Required	
A. Unanticipated revenues	\$ _____
B. Reserve for contingencies	\$ _____
C. Source description:	_____
Balance in Reserve for Contingencies, if approved: \$ _____	

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:  
List the attachments and number the pages consecutively:

Letter from Mono County Board of Supervisors

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CLERK'S USE ONLY:

Res. No.: 95-192 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: RP

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June 2, 1995

The Honorable Pete Wilson  
Governor of the State of California  
State Capitol, First Floor  
Sacramento, California 95814

Re: Mariposa County Resolution Number 95-192  
Requesting State Assistance to Remove Snow from Trans-Sierra Highway 120

Dear Governor Wilson:

Please be advised that on May 9, 1995, the Mariposa County Board of Supervisors unanimously took action by resolution, joining Mono County in an urgent request for State assistance with the removal of snow from Trans-Sierra Highway 120.

Enclosed for your review is a copy of Mariposa County Resolution Number 95-192 and a copy of the April 25, 1995, correspondence from Mono County, urging your support for a timely re-opening of Highway 120 by providing State resources.

Should you have any questions or need additional information, please feel free to contact our office at (209) 966-3222.

Thank you for your assistance and consideration regarding this urgent request.

Respectfully submitted,

  
GARRY R. PARKER  
Chairman of the Board of Supervisors

GRP/jb

Enclosures: Res. 95-192; Lt. 04/25/95  
cc: (See Attached Distribution Listing)



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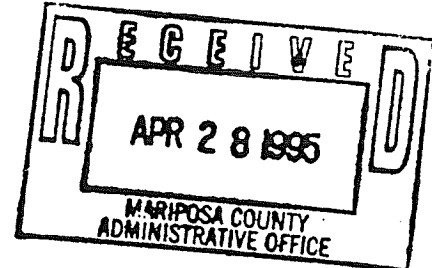
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April 25, 1995



Governor Pete Wilson  
1st Floor State Capitol  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Governor Wilson:

**Urgent Request for State Assistance to Remove Snow From  
Trans-Sierra Highway 120**

This letter is to urgently request your assistance in providing State resources to remove snow and re-open Highway 120 as soon as possible. As you know, Highway 120 through Yosemite National Park is the major trans-Sierra highway providing access to the Eastern Sierra. Since the communities and residents of the Eastern Sierra are highly dependent upon the relatively short seasonal tourism economy, the Spring opening of Highway 120 is vital to the area's economy and the subsistence of thousands of residents and businesses.

Because of the importance of Highway 120, it is opened as early as possible each year through the aggressive efforts, and excellent cooperation, of various agencies including the National Park Service, the California Department of Transportation, and the Mono County Public Works Department, with financial assistance from other local agencies.

All of these agencies are now energetically involved in this year's snow removal efforts on Highway 120, but we are encountering unusually severe problems because of the heavy snow accumulation from the recent winter. To open Highway 120 within any reasonable timeframe, we simply must commit additional resources to the effort. The equipment and staffing of the Park Service and Mono County are currently working at maximum levels, with no additional reserves from which to draw. CalTrans is the only current participant with additional equipment and staffing that could be committed in time to the snow removal project.

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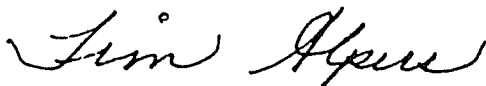
Therefore, we hope that you will come to our rescue by providing the means for CalTrans to extend their effort this year, both from the west (District 10) and from the east (District 9). It is roughly estimated, dependent upon weather conditions and snow accumulation, that \$125,000 to \$150,000 in additional CalTrans work will be necessary to reopen Highway 120 without financially disastrous delay.

You have repeatedly and consistently demonstrated your personal support of, and faith in, California's tourism economy as, perhaps, the number one industry left intact in the State. It is based upon your previous support, and the vital importance of tourism to the Eastern Sierra economy, that we are appealing to you for help in opening Highway 120 after so many unusually harsh winter storms.

We know that you will consider the additional cost in terms of the loss of state and local tourism dollars while Highway 120 is closed, which loss has been estimated as high as \$1 million a day, and includes substantial amounts of international and interstate tourism as well as significant sales tax and gas tax revenues to the State, not to mention the added employment in the Eastern Sierra to accommodate the increased number of visitors.

Please let me know if we can provide any additional information to expedite our request for your assistance in this critical issue.

Sincerely,



Tim Alpers, Chairman

TA:nsg

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