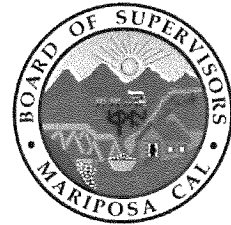




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## **RESOLUTION - ACTION REQUESTED 2018-454**

MEETING: September 25, 2018  
TO: The Board of Supervisors  
FROM: Dallin Kimble, County Administrative Officer  
RE: Letter of Support for SB 1079

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### **RECOMMENDATION AND JUSTIFICATION:**

Ratify a Letter of Support for Senate Bill 1079 Which Would Allow CAL FIRE to Issue Advanced Payments of up to 25 percent of a Total Award for a Healthy Forest and Local Fire Prevention Grant. This bill allocates \$195 million in the 2017 State Budget Act (and future budgets) to advances for local governments, nonprofit agencies, special districts, and/or Native American tribes who have been awarded a Healthy Forest and Fire Prevention Grant.

Please see the attached letter and bill language for additional information.

### **BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:**

The Board has routinely ratify letters of support for issues that they believe will benefit the citizens of Mariposa County.

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

If the Board does not ratify the letter, it will be rescinded. Individual Board members may write their own letters of support at that time, which may not carry the same weight as a letter from the entire Board.

### **ATTACHMENTS:**

**Letter of Support - SB 1079 (PDF)**

**RESULT: ADOPTED BY CONSENT VOTE [UNANIMOUS]**

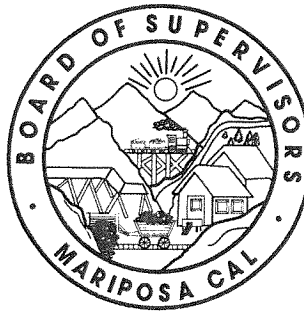
**MOVER:** Merlin Jones, District II Supervisor

**SECONDER:** Marshall Long, District III Supervisor

**AYES:** Smallcombe, Jones, Long, Cann, Menetrey

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September 11, 2018

The Honorable Edmund G. Brown Jr.  
Governor, State of California  
State Capitol  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: Senate Bill 1079 (Monning)—Forest Resources: Fire Prevention Grants  
Request for Signature**

Dear Governor Brown:

On behalf of the County of Mariposa, I want to respectfully request your signature on Senate Bill (SB) 1079, which would facilitate the timely access and use of grant funds for forest health activities. Streamlined processes for this type of funding is becoming more critical with the increase in the number and severity of wildfires.

As you are aware, CalFIRE recently changed its policies to now require grant recipients to be reimbursed for their costs rather than receiving some portion of the grant in advance. The delay in a reimbursement—which can take 60 to 90 days after the submittal of proper documentation—creates both a project performance and financial hardship for many local governments and nonprofit fire safe councils who generally apply for these forest health and fire prevention grants.

Senate Bill 1079 aims to address this situation by allowing CalFIRE to issue advanced payments of up to 25 percent of a total award for a healthy forest and local fire prevention grant funded by \$195 million in the 2017 State Budget Act (and future acts) to a nonprofit agency, local agency, special district, or Native American tribe.

With the current fire season upon us—and Mariposa County still struggling with the impacts of the Ferguson Fire—the ability to access funds for forest health activities is even more acute. This bill helps the agencies and nonprofits on the front line of these activities begin their work quickly.

For these reasons, the County of Mariposa requests your signature on SB 1079 and thanks you for your continued leadership as California combats wildfires.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rosemarie Smallcombe". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Rosemarie Smallcombe  
Mariposa County Board of Supervisors Chair

cc: Senator Bill Monning, 17<sup>th</sup> District  
Senator Tom Berryhill, 8<sup>th</sup> District  
Assembly Member Frank Bigelow, 5<sup>th</sup> District