



MARIPOSA COUNTY

Board of Supervisors · 209-966-3222



RESOLUTION - ACTION REQUESTED 2018-601

MEETING: December 11, 2018
TO: The Board of Supervisors
FROM: Marshall Long, District III Supervisor
RE: Letter of Support for the Mariposa Fire Safe Council Application to CalFire

RECOMMENDATION AND JUSTIFICATION:

Approve a Letter of Support for Mariposa County Fire Safe Council's submission of a Grant Application to CalFire under the Climate Change Initiative for the complete revision and update of the Countywide Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CCWPP); and Authorize the Board of Supervisors Chair to Sign the Letter (Supervisor Long).

Please see the attached request letter from the Fire Safe Council of Mariposa County for more information on the issue.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:

The Board has approved letters in support of other efforts that will benefit the County or its residents.

ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

Do not approve the letter. Individual members of the Board may write their own letters of support as desired.

ATTACHMENTS:

Draft Letter of support for Fire Safe Council 12-11-18 (DOCX)

Letter of support request to MCBOS (DOCX)

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: Marshall Long, District III Supervisor

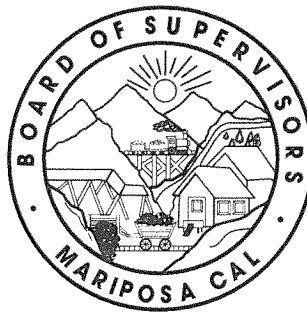
SECONDER: Merlin Jones, District II Supervisor

AYES: Rosemarie Smallcombe, Merlin Jones, Marshall Long, Miles Menetrey

EXCUSED: Kevin Cann

Mariposa County Board of Supervisors

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December 11, 2018

Dear CalFire,

The of Mariposa County Board of Supervisors supports the Mariposa Firesafe Council application to CalFire to update the Mariposa County CCWPP (Countywide Community Wildfire Protection Plan). This opportunity will significantly advance our community's efforts to develop a coordinated, interdisciplinary approach to wildfire planning, enabling us to align risk reduction efforts with our economic development, public health, and environmental conservation objectives. The Mariposa County Fire Safe Council along with Mariposa County Fire Department and other County Departments and partner agencies will use grant funds to provide this most needed plan. The Mariposa County Board of Supervisors are extremely excited to be involved in this project.

Mariposa County Board of Supervisors actively pursues fire resiliency initiatives, and in that experience identification of systemic hurdles that sometimes prevent organizations like the Firesafe Council, planning department, resource conservation non-profits, and local and state (CALFIRE) and federal fire agencies from collaborating on initiatives that reduce risk while building communities have been identified. The update to the CCWPP and further, potentially inclusion within the Strategic Fire Plan of the MMU, is key to insuring the involved agencies and partners benefit from the cohesive work plan and programs to continue the important work ahead, and moreover provide an update to the Countywide fire resiliency plan framework to which all partners and public will benefit.

The opportunity to update the CCWPP will no doubt bolster the collaborative efforts our community has embraced through wildfire planning activities and will also function as a lever for critical conversations around our economy, our environment, public health and safety and the shared relationships. And will further assist the renewed partnerships between the Mariposa County Fire Safe Council, Mariposa County Fire Department, Planning department, Resource Conservation District, and California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection as well as

partner federal agencies. We hope that this update will assist in the integration of wildfire planning into our larger community fire and resiliency planning objectives; we believe that we can make Mariposa County stronger while making it safer.

We believe that funding this CCWPP opportunity provides essential resources for completing the update, a critical and needed fire planning document. We endorse this application, and are committed to participating in all phases of this project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Rosemarie Anallconbe".

Chair
Mariposa County Board of Supervisors