

DEPARTMENT: Administration

BY: Rick Benson
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RECOMMENDED ACTION AND JUSTIFICATION:

Discussion and approval of the County's 2009 Legislative Platform. The Legislative Platform's primary purpose is to provide a basis for quick response by the County Administrative Office and the County's legislative consultants as issues arise. The Platform also identifies the County's legislative priorities to help guide county departments in recommending legislative position. The Platform continues to emphasize legislation enabling rapid repairs to State Highway 140 and also expresses concern regarding enactment of regulations associated with AB885.

The approved 2009 Legislative Platform will be forwarded to the County's legislative consultant - Advocation, Inc.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:

The Board adopted Resolution 08-11 on January 8, 2008, approved the County's 2008 Legislative Platform.

ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

Do not adopt a 2009 Legislative Platform. Our legislative consultant and county departments will need to seek Board direction on legislative positions as they arise.

Financial Impact? () Yes (X) No	Current FY Cost: \$	Annual Recurring Cost: \$
Budgeted In Current FY? () Yes () No () Partially Funded		
Amount in Budget: \$ _____		List Attachments, number pages consecutively
Additional Funding Needed: \$ _____		Draft of 2009 Legislative Platform
Source:		
Internal Transfer _____		
Unanticipated Revenue _____ 4/5's vote		
Transfer Between Funds _____ 4/5's vote		
Contingency _____ 4/5's vote		
() General () Other		

CLERK'S USE ONLY:

Res. No.: 09-24 Ord. No. _____
Vote - Ayes: 5 Noes: _____
Absent: _____
AW Approved
6 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

COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER:

Requested Action Recommended
 No Opinion
Comments:

CAO: [Signature]



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MARIPOSA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

MINUTE ORDER

TO: RICHARD J. BENSON, CAO
FROM: MARGIE WILLIAMS, Clerk of the Board *MW*
SUBJECT: Discussion and Approval of the County's 2009 Legislative Platform
RESOLUTION 09-74

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MARIPOSA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

ADOPTED THIS Order on February 17, 2009

ACTION AND VOTE:

Discussion and Approval of the County's 2009 Legislative Platform (County Administrative Officer/Personnel/Risk Manager)

BOARD ACTION: Rick Benson reviewed the Platform and advised that it will be forwarded to the County's legislative lobbyist and distributed to the departments. (M)Cann, (S)Allen, Res. 09-74 was adopted approving the Platform/Ayes: Unanimous. Supervisor Turpin asked that the Platform be sent to our legislative representatives.

Cc: Mary Hodson, Deputy CAO
File

COUNTY OF MARIPOSA 2009 LEGISLATIVE PLATFORM

General Principles

The County of Mariposa supports legislation that provides governmental decision making at the level closest to the people whenever it is likely to produce the most effective and efficient results. We support further reforms in the State-local fiscal relationship that will improve the County's ability to finance and efficiently administer both mandated and discretionary services while opposing legislation that creates mandates without State or Federal funding sources to carry them out.

It is also our general legislative aim to preserve and build the County's job base and to improve the regulatory climate for private enterprise. We support State investment in local infrastructure; State/local initiatives to provide venture capital; tax and financial incentives that will encourage the growth of new and existing businesses in the County; and development and funding of a local education and workforce training investment plan that matches the requirements of growing and emerging industries.

Local Control

Land Use: We support legislation that promotes local land use authority and that authorizes, but does not mandate, the formation of regional alliances.

We support the continuation and full funding of the Williamson Act.

Programs: The County supports reforms that will promote accountability in program performance at the State and local level. We require local control over program scope and implementation, including the ability to privatize services when it is more effective and cost-efficient to do so. Legislation and administrative changes are also needed that simplify, consolidate, standardize, reduce or eliminate data-gathering, reporting, and licensing requirements imposed on counties. Administrative burdens should be reduced for local government and those whom we are mandated to regulate.

Labor Relations and Employee Benefits: State legislation should not intrude into the local collective bargaining process nor interfere with the County's ability to manage and compensate its employees as it sees fit. We support reforms in Civil Service laws to allow counties to rely solely upon the collective bargaining process to establish terms and conditions of employment. We support reforms in disability retirement statutes to remove incentives for abuse of this system. We support Workers' Compensation reforms that will lower costs to employers while delivering equitable benefits to employees.

County Finances

Revenue, Fees and Taxation: The County supports reforms that build upon the enactment of Proposition 1A to provide greater authority to generate local revenues for discretionary services and to protect local revenue streams against State budgetary incursions. Responsible government at all levels – federal, state, and local – dictates that any proposed new or increased fees must represent the actual cost of service delivery.

State and Federal Mandated Programs; State Interest Programs: All mandated programs must be fully and equitably funded by the mandating authority as intended

by voter enactment of Proposition 1A. Mandated programs that are not fully funded should be made optional at the local level, and counties should have broad management authority of all mandated programs.

Other Post Employment Benefits (OPEB): We support efforts by the Governor and the Legislature to explore statewide efforts to assist counties in dealing with newly recognized unfunded liabilities as a result of changes in accounting methodologies. We support legislation allowing counties flexibility in dealing with OPEB.

County Services

Criminal Justice and Public Protection: Public protection is the most important obligation of counties, which administer the local portion of California's criminal justice system. We support State and Federal expenditures to help prepare and equip local law enforcement agencies to fulfill their role in preventing and responding to terrorist attacks.

We support strengthening State search and seizure statutes to help combat gang crime. We support State funding that will promote local law enforcement training, aid in drug and rural crime prevention, bolster juvenile justice intervention and prevention efforts, and will counteract and prevent gang violence.

We support full State funding for County trial courts as envisioned by the trial court realignment plan, together with the appropriate number of State funded judicial positions and State financing for any State-mandated upgrades of court facilities.

The County supports continued State funding for juvenile probation services.

Health and Social Services: The County recognizes and supports the continued reform of State and Federal health and welfare entitlement programs. Counties must have sufficient program flexibility to coordinate and consolidate the delivery of services to children, adults, senior citizens, and veterans as cost-effectively as possible. We support full Federal funding of the Federally mandated child support enforcement program.

We support legislation to provide health care to the indigent which provides full funding to counties in recognition of their vital role in delivering these services. In the event that State funding sources, such as realignment funds, are reduced as part of the State's comprehensive health care reform package, we support legislation which would relieve counties of their mandate to provide health services to the indigent.

Transportation: We support legislation that provides equitable State and Federal funding for roads, highways, and public transit, and that promotes the timely development of local transportation projects at counties' discretion. We support continued State funding and assistance formulas for grade separation projects, Proposition 42 payments to counties for road maintenance, and Proposition 42 financing for State Traffic Congestion Relief projects. We support legislation providing equitable gasoline tax distribution to counties without incorporated cities and legislation recognizing local general fund participation in road funding, regardless of source, as self-help.

We support legislation to provide State and Federal funding to fully repair and maintain the vital corridors providing access to Yosemite National Park in particular the County supports and encourages legislation, and State and Federal intervention to enable rapid repairs to State Highway 140 in order to allow full access to all vehicles in and out of Yosemite National Park.

Quality of Life Services: We support legislation to provide State funding assistance for local libraries, parks, and museums.

Environmental Quality: In carrying out State and Federal mandates for environmental protection and waste disposal, the County must retain the ability to manage programs efficiently, cost-effectively and without excessive permitting requirements. Toward that aim, we support the streamlining of environmental regulations and consolidation of permitting in order to reduce costs and unnecessary delays.

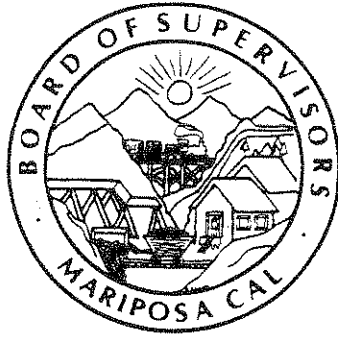
We support implementation of the Federal and State Endangered Species Acts that balances social and economic benefits with species protection and ensures that policies are based on good science.

We support legislation to prevent implementation of unnecessary and burdensome regulation of septic systems.

We support the state's continued, full funding of local Weed Management Areas

We also support the sovereignty of land use ordinances to protect the people and the environment of Mariposa County against encroachment by agencies acting outside their boundaries.

Mariposa County
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February 24, 2009

Chuck Cole
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Dear Chuck:

Enclosed is the County of Mariposa 2009 Legislative Platform that the Board of Supervisors approved on February 17, 2009. Please contact either myself or County Administrative Officer Rick Benson if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

MARY B. HODSON
Deputy County Administrative Officer

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Enclosure

b66: Clerk of the Board