

DEPARTMENT: Administration

BY: Rich Inman

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RECOMMENDED ACTION AND JUSTIFICATION:

Discuss and provide direction to staff regarding the Mariposa County Fire Safe Council's proposal for the use Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000 (HR 2389) funds.

Please see attached proposal. Between the time the Mariposa County Fire Council submitted their proposal and the preparation of the Board Item, the Council was successful in obtaining an extension of their Bureau of Land Management grant, which will allow them to continue their operation through February 29, 2004. The proposal for this calendar year will therefore be from March 1, 2004, through December 31, 2004. There may also be a slight decrease in the amount of funding being requested.

Before the Board may formally approve the proposal, there must first be a 45-day public comment period. So, the action today if the Board decides to pursue this proposal would be to tentatively approve it and direct staff to notice the proposal and begin the 45-day public comment period. At the end of the 45-day public comment period the Board would then review the comments (if any) and be asked to formally approve the use of Title III funds for the proposal as well as any contracts and/or agreements necessary for the proposal.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:

Mariposa County receives approximately \$92,000 annually through the year 2006 and the Board has opted to spend these funds on Title III projects. Title III projects include: (1) Search and rescue and other emergency services performed on Federal lands and paid for by the County; (2) Community service work camps (inmate community service on Federal lands); (3) Easement purchases; (4) Forest related educational opportunities; (5) Fire prevention and county planning; (6) Community forestry. The Fire Safe Council's proposal meets these guidelines.

Currently the Forest Reserve Fund (#345) has an available balance of \$157,171. This amount is less the two projects that the Board approved with Resolution 03-81 – South West Interface Project (SWIFT) for \$29,470 and the county-wide chipping program being managed by the Fire Safe Council for \$80,000.

ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

Do not approve commencing with the necessary actions required to formally approve the proposal. The Board may direct staff to work with the Fire Safe Council and make modifications to the proposal. If the Board is not interested in pursuing this proposal, then the Mariposa County Fire Safe Council will need to seek funding sources elsewhere.

Financial Impact? () Yes () No Current FY Cost: \$
Budgeted In Current FY? () Yes () No () Partially Funded

Anr Recurring Cost: \$

Amount in Budget: \$ _____
Additional Funding Needed: \$ _____
Source:
Internal Transfer _____
Unanticipated Revenue _____ 4/5's vote
Transfer Between Funds _____ 4/5's vote
Contingency _____ 4/5's vote
() General () Other

List Attachments, number pages consecutively
Mariposa County Fire Safe Council Proposal
Letter of Support from Mariposa County Fire Chief
Excerpt from HR 2389 on Title III Projects

CLERK'S USE ONLY:

Res. No.: 03-455 Ord. No. _____
Vote - Ayes: 5 Noes: _____
Absent: _____
AW) Approved
() Minute Order Attached () No Action Necessary

COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER:

_____ Requested Action Recommended
 No Opinion
Comments:

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

CAO: RAH



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MARIPOSA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

MINUTE ORDER

TO: RICH INMAN, County Administrative Officer
FROM: MARGIE WILLIAMS, Clerk of the Board *MW*
SUBJECT: MARIPOSA COUNTY FIRE SAFE COUNCIL'S PROPOSAL FOR THE USE OF
SECURE RURAL SCHOOLS AND COMMUNITY SELF-DETERMINATION ACT OF
2000 (HR 2389) FUNDS
Resolution No. 03-455

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MARIPOSA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA,

ADOPTED THIS Order on December 9, 2003

ACTION AND VOTE:

Rich Inman, County Administrative Officer;

A) Discuss and Provide Direction to Staff Regarding the Mariposa County Fire Safe Council's Proposal for the Use of Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000 (HR 2389) Funds

BOARD ACTION: Rich Inman presented the staff report. Supervisor Balmain commented on the chipping program. (M)Balmain, (S)Stetson, Res. 03-455 was adopted directing staff to notice the proposal and begin the 45-day public comment period/Ayes: Unanimous. Jan Hamilton, Chair of the Fire Safe Council, thanked the Board for pursuing this program, and she advised that she will work with Supervisor Balmain relative to implementing the chipping project.

cc: Mariposa County Fire Safe Council
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