



MARIPOSA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

CONFORMED AGENDA JULY 9, 2001



Time Description

9:12 a.m. Board met in continued session from June 27, 2001, with Supervisor Pickard excused due to illness.

Public Presentations: Bob Allen read his letter into the record requesting that the value of human relations and the impact it has on our County and future be included in the General Plan Update. He further stated that he would like to see a volunteer bureau where people could "plug-in" for assistance and learn what services are available. He referred to the Visioning Project and its efforts. Discussion was held concerning this request.

Eric Toll, Planning Director;

General Plan Workshop: Review and Give General Direction to Staff Related to the Guiding Principles for the General Plan Update

BOARD ACTION: Eric Toll reviewed the matrix that was prepared reflecting the issues that have been raised relative to the General Plan Update. Andy Hauge, Parsons Vice-President, and Jeff Goldman, Parsons Principle Planner, were present to assist with the issues.

The Board reviewed the following General Plan issues:

Land Use Element issues/issues required to be addressed in the General Plan:

1. Define density limits – Discussion was held, and Eric Toll advised that specific numbers will eventually need to be established for this issue. Supervisor Reilly asked about getting the public more involved in this issue, and that consideration be given to whether we want roads all over the County to serve five-acre parcels. Supervisor Stewart stated he feels water and sewage disposal availability will control some of the development. Andy Hauge commented that the discussion on these issues will help them in their consulting role with the County, and he advised that Jeff Goldman is taking notes of the discussion. He further advised that specific details are not needed at this time, just general direction on each of the issues. Further discussion can be held on specific issues at a later date.

2. Defining agricultural lands – Eric Toll advised that the issue is whether to establish criteria that would define what makes a piece of ground agriculturally productive. This issue was last considered with the implementation of the Williamson Act Preserve program. He further noted that there are different types of agricultural uses in the County now and the State has made changes relative to the Williamson Act. Supervisor Balmain requested that information be presented on the legal requirements that need to be addressed for this issue. Supervisor Stewart suggested the "right-to-farm" ordinance language be included. Andy Hauge noted the importance of the decision on this issue in relation to future growth issues. The Board concurred with this issue being a guiding principle.

3. Density standards by vegetative cover and slope – Discussion was held. It was noted that sewer water and sewage disposal availability will be a limiting factor, as well as vegetation and slope. Supervisor Balmain noted a previous situation where meeting the tree replacement density would have left too dense of a planting, and he

suggested that this be taken into consideration. Supervisor Reilly suggested further reviewing the issue in conjunction with defining density, and she stated she feels the real estate market will determine some of this issue.

4. Development and agricultural and ranch land – this issue to be combined with No. 2.

5. Educational facilities – Eric Toll asked if the Board wants to work with the School Board on this issue and incorporate their facility planning into the General Plan Update. Discussion was held. Jeff Hamilton, School Superintendent, noted the District is still in a declining enrollment situation, and they only have one undeveloped parcel. He stated he feels it will be many years before this will need to be addressed, and the School Board may solicit this Board's assistance when development occurs. Supervisor Stewart suggested considering working with the School Board to identify parcel sizes in areas as that would affect enrollment at each school site. Supervisor Reilly stated she feels it would be helpful to have a discussion with school officials on this issue. She noted that at a recent Parks and Recreation Commission meeting, citizens demanded that the County and School Board cooperate on these issues. Supervisor Balmain agreed with working with the School Board. Eric Toll advised that he could work with the County Administrative Officer and school officials to set up a joint meeting between the two Boards. Supervisor Parker stated he does not feel that this issue belongs in the General Plan; that we need to cooperate with all entities. Jeff Hamilton commented on information they have collected that indicates the community wants the high school to remain within the township area. He further stated they want to avoid a situation that would require the District to pay top dollar to obtain a site in town. Board concurred with further reviewing this issue.

10:47 a.m. Recess

11:04 a.m. 6. Expansion of town areas/dispersal of commercial industrial – Eric Toll advised of three options. Supervisor Stewart stated he feels the communities need to look at this issue and look at potential commercial areas that are not identified yet.

7. Five-acre density and rural character – to be further discussed with No. 1.

8. Flood control – Board concurred with including this issue in the safety element.

9. Harvest timber – Supervisor Balmain noted the timber harvest rules in California are more stringent than anywhere else, and he stated he does not feel we should add any regulations. Board concurred with abiding by the State regulations.

10. Landfill – Board concurred with adding the co-composting facility and transfer stations.

11. Light industry – Eric Toll asked if the Board wishes to actively recruit light industry to the County. Discussion was held. Supervisor Balmain stated he feels the County should provide land use zoning. Supervisor Parker stated he feels the County should be in a position of cooperating as much as possible, but should not actively recruit – recruiting efforts should be done by the Economic Development Corporation or perhaps the Chamber of Commerce or Board of Realtors. Greg Iturria, County Administrative Officer, provided input advising that direction could be given to apply for grants and to expand utility services and provide for traffic circulation to be more proactive, or the County could be reactive and respond to requests from potential businesses. Supervisor Balmain stated he could see the County being involved in an industrial park at the Airport. Further consideration to be given to this issue.

12. Open space and agriculture – to be combined with No. 2.

13. Placement of new development – Eric Toll noted that this is an issue the Board will be facing.

14. Relationship of roads and growth – Supervisor Parker asked about the status of the road paving policy issue. Eric Toll advised that the Planning Commission is working on the existing policy and updates.

15. Relationship of Specific Plans to General Plan and area plans – Eric Toll noted that this was addressed at a previous meeting.

16. RV Parks – Eric Toll asked the Board to consider whether it supports the trend to allow transient parks to become permanent parks. Discussion was held – issue to be further reviewed.

17. Scenic highway corridors – to be addressed.

18. Sewage disposal – to be addressed.

19. Sites for light industry – to be combined with No. 11.

20. Standards for new subdivisions – to be addressed.

21. Transfer stations – to be combined with No. 10.

22. Williamson Act lands – to be addressed with the agriculture discussion.

23. Zoning for light industry – to be combined with Nos. 11 and 19.

24. Attracting business – Eric Toll noted that some direction has been given, but a more detailed discussion will need to be held. This is also related to No. 11.

Land Use Element issues/potential issues to be addressed in the General Plan:

25. Balance of labor force and new jobs – Supervisor Parker stated he feels other issues being discussed would dictate this, and it could be a portion of No. 11. Supervisor Reilly stated she feels this could be considered with economic development. Eric Toll suggested moving No. 24 from land use element to economic development – that the land use issue deal with size and the economic development issue deal with policy. Board concurred with this suggestion.

26. Blighted properties – Eric Toll asked if the Board wants to address properties that are being allowed to decay. Discussion was held. Board concurred with combining this issue with No. 30.

27. Cluster housing – to be included in the land use element.

28. Commercial sites in Don Pedro area – Eric Toll advised that a Don Pedro town planning area could take care of this issue.

29. Concurrency of infrastructure – Eric Toll noted that this issue could have unintended consequences. The current policy allows for someone at the end of a road that serves a number of parcels to subdivide, with road improvements required on-site. Concurrency would require that that remainder of the road be improved. It would help to prevent urban sprawl and encourage sequential development. Discussion was held relative to whether this issue should be included and when to deal with issues, such as the road paving issues that have previously been referred for consideration with the General Plan Update process. Andy Hauge commented on off-site improvements and phasing and off-site development. Board concurred with further considering this issue.

30. Eliminating blight – combined with No. 26.

31. Golf course development – Andy Hauge stated he feels the availability of a golf course is necessary to achieve a year-round destination resort. Discussion was held as to whether the issue should be golf course specific, or include other recreational opportunities such as a movie theatre.

32. Incompatible use separation – Eric Toll advised that this issue will be included with other issues.

33. Large development projects – to be addressed.

34. Large lot zoning – to be addressed.

35. Liquid waste disposal – to be combined with No. 10.

36. Location of new housing – to be combined with No. 1.

37. Speculation development – Eric Toll advised that the issue is whether to allow property to be re-zoned without a project being proposed. Board concurred not to address this issue, that would be a risk an applicant could choose to take.

- 38. Relationship of private restrictions and General Plan – Board concurred that this is not an issue, it is a civil matter.
- 39. Adequate provision for the existing and projected needs of all economic segments of the community – to be combined with economic development.
- 40. Agribusinesses – to be addressed with the agriculture element.
- 41. Agriculture and rural character – to be addressed with the agriculture element.
- 42. Agriculture as part of the landscape – to be addressed with the agriculture element.

Circulation element issues:

- 43. Area plans and street grid – Eric Toll advised that this will be addressed in community plans versus the General Plan.
- 44. Bicycle and walking paths – Eric Toll advised that this will be addressed in community plans versus the General Plan. Supervisor Stewart commented on high-density areas and the need for walk paths, and he stated he feels this should be included in future development, along with equestrian trails. He stated he would like to see further discussion on this issue.
- 45. Bike lanes – this is addressed with No. 44.
- 46. Dust and unpaved roads – this will be considered with the overall road policy discussion.
- 47. La Paloma Road – to be considered with circulation and road policy.
- 48. Park and Ride facilities – Eric Toll advised that planning for this issue needs to be started with the General Plan so that it can be included in State transportation plans.
- 49. Paying for road maintenance – to be considered with the road maintenance policy.
- 50. Pedestrian pathways – to be combined with No. 44.
- 51. Pedestrian pathways in town – to be combined with No. 44.
- 52. Private roads versus public roads – Supervisor Balmain stated he feels that as the population increases, the County needs to take over maintenance. Issue to be further discussed.
- 53. Regional transit for residents and visitors, and 54. Regional Transportation – Supervisor Stewart requested that a particular service not be identified; that a statement be made that the Board supports transit.
- 55. Traffic and quality of life – It was noted that this is a rural character issue. Supervisor Stewart stated that as development occurs in other areas, he does not feel that the road improvements keep up.
- 56. Traffic safety – to be addressed.
- 57. Underground utilities – continued for input from Supervisor Pickard relative to PG&E Rule 20 (a) funding.
- 58. YARTS – to be combined with No. 53.
- 59. Alternative routes – Eric Toll commented, as previously pointed out, that this could refer to road routes/by-passes or YARTS. Issue to be included with road circulation issues.
- 60. Avoiding known traffic problems – this falls under general traffic issues.
- 61. Commuter traffic – Board concurred with not addressing.
- 62. Fire safety and roads – to be considered with the circulation element.
- 63. Infrastructure – to be addressed as a part of this element.
- 64. Mixed use development – to be addressed under the land use element.
- 65. Multi-family housing sites – to be addressed under the housing element.
- 66. Public transportation routes – to be combined with No. 53.
- 67. Road standards – Eric Toll stated the Board will need to give direction to the Planning Commission on this issue.

- 68. Bicycling and road system compatibility – to be combined with No. 44.
- 69. County road template – Eric Toll advised that this is part of No. 67, and that a template should not be made a part of the General Plan.
- 70. Friendlier pedestrian environment on Highway 140 – to be combined with No. 44.
- 71. Good roads and public transportation – this is covered under other issues.
- 72. Growth, local assets, and carrying capacity – this is covered under other issues.
- 73. Historic routes and roads – Discussion was held. Eric Toll advised that the Board could set a policy with this issue of how to determine and sign historic routes. Board concurred with not addressing this issue at this time.
- 74. Infrastructure and economic growth – to be combined with economic development.
- 75. Mariposa Transit – to be addressed with Regional Transit.
- 76. Rail attraction, and 77. Rail service – Discussion was held. Supervisor Reilly suggested that language could be included in the General Plan that this service is not economically feasible. Supervisor Parker suggested that rail service could be included as long as it is fully supported by private enterprise. Matter to be further discussed.
- 78. Road access – to be considered with the general road policy.
- 79. Road maintenance, and 80. Road maintenance of new roads – issues to be combined.
- 81. Seniors' transportation – to be discussed with transit issues.
- 82. Bus pollution versus auto pollution, and 83. Fuel conversion – Board concurred with not addressing.
- 84. Road markings – It was noted that this issue refers to fog striping on County roads. Supervisor Parker stated he feels that Public Works has addressed this issue. Board concurred with not including it here.

Housing element issues:

- 85. Affordable housing; 86. An assessment of housing needs; 87. Balance quantities and prices of house; 88. Housing diversification by price; 89. Park employee housing; and 90. Substandard housing – issues to be addressed.
- 91. Character of “move-in” housing – Discussion was held. Eric Toll advised that he feels this issue refers to mobile home housing and that has been covered. Supervisor Reilly suggested that it might refer to speculation housing. Eric Toll will further review.
- 92. Housing and UC Merced – to be further addressed.
- 93. Jobs/housing balance and economic development – to be addressed.
- 94. Assist in the development of adequate housing to meet the needs of low and moderate-income households – Supervisor Parker asked about mandates for this issue. Jeff Goldman commented on State requirements. Issue to be addressed. Eric Toll noted that ownership versus rental could be emphasized.

Open space and conservation space element issues:

- 95. Mining industry; 96. Natural resources, conservation, and economic development; and 97. Open space/towns with edges – Discussion was held as to whether public lands and Williamson Act preserves contribute to the open space requirements. Jeff Goldman provided input relative to the requirements. Each issue was further considered after the following issues.
- 98. Water standards – Discussion was held. Board concurred with placing this issue under land use.
- 99. Air quality and quality of life – Eric Toll clarified that is a potential General Plan issue.

95. Mining industry – to be addressed.
96. Natural resources, conservation, and economic development – this is covered with other issues.
97. Open space/towns with edges – does not need to be addressed.
100. Comprehensive and long-range preservation and conservation of open-space land – to be addressed.
101. Conservation and open space policy – to be addressed with No. 100.
102. Natural areas (wildlife habitat, special-status species, and recreation) – to be further discussed along with Nos. 103 through 110.
103. Natural habitat areas; 104. Soils capacities; 105. Timber, mining, cattle ranching, and agriculture; 106. Water sources; 107. Water supply; 108. Wetlands; 109. Wildlife areas; and 110. Watershed protection (State-identified option) – to be further discussed with No. 102.
111. Conservation district; and 112. Land trust and conservation easements – Eric Toll asked if there is any interest in creating a County conservation district for purposes of creating open space. Supervisor Balmain stated he did not feel this would be necessary. Supervisor Parker suggested that better communication with the Resource Conservation District would be helpful. Supervisor Reilly suggested that volunteer efforts be supported.
113. Merced River and other waterways – to be addressed.
114. Need more trees – not to be addressed.
115. Recognize open-space land as a limited and valuable resource which must be conserved wherever possible – this has been covered.
116. Starthistle weed – Eric Toll advised that staff feels this is not a General Plan issue. Supervisor Reilly asked about the issue of importing noxious weeds with construction projects. Board concurred with further reviewing this issue in context with agriculture issues.

Discussion was held relative to the upcoming meeting schedule and the possibility of scheduling additional time to review these issues. Matter was continued to July 23, 2001, at 9:00 a.m., with additional time set aside on August 7th for discussion of the issues. Eric Toll reminded the Board that time has been scheduled on July 17, 2001, for a joint meeting with the Planning Commission relative to the General Plan Update. He advised that he will re-write the matrix that he prepared for today's meeting with the changes as discussed and consolidating items as appropriate for the Board's review on July 23rd.

1:04 p.m. Adjournment

Respectfully submitted,

MARGIE WILLIAMS
Clerk of the Board



MARIPOSA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

CONFORMED AGENDA JULY 10, 2001



Time Description
9:08a.m. Meeting Called to Order with Supervisor Pickard excused due to illness.

Pledge of Allegiance

Introductions

Supervisor Balmain;

Certificate of Recognition to the Mariposa County Sheriff's Department Search and Rescue Division Honoring Their Receipt of the National Association of Search and Rescue Award and Commendation by the California Office of Emergency Services

BOARD ACTION: (M)Stewart, (S)Parker, Certificate of Recognition was approved and presented to Sergeant Doug Binnewies, with several members of the SCOPE, Posse, Search and Rescue, and deputies present/Ayes: Reilly, Balmain, Stewart, Parker; Excused: Pickard. Sergeant Binnewies advised that many of the volunteers could not be present today, and he noted that they seldom receive recognition; however, they provide a very valuable service to the County and they are greatly appreciated. He commented on a search over the weekend for a missing hiker in Tuolumne County and the volunteers' efforts. He also commented on statistics of volunteer hours (almost 4,000) contributed to the Sund-Pelosso case, and noted that no injuries were incurred. Supervisors conveyed their thanks and appreciation for the dedication of these volunteers.

9:28 a.m. Recess

9:41 a.m. Public Presentations: For Non-Timed Agenda Items and for Items Not on the Agenda

- Marita Green, Child Support Services Director, thanked the Board and staff for support during the transition of the Family Support Division from the District Attorney's Office to the Child Support Services Office. The transition became effective July 1, 2001.

- Yvonne Bennett asked about the Board's action on June 26th to contract with the Chamber of Commerce to provide visitor services relative to the purpose of the Visitors' Bureau Department and budget. Greg Iturria, County Administrative Officer, responded that the Visitors' Bureau serves as a marketing coordinator, liaison between the County and the business community. Supervisor Parker noted that the funding provided to the Chamber is for visitor services.

Board Information

- Supervisor Reilly reported on the Parks and Recreation Commission meeting that she attended on June 28th relative to the Park Master Plan. There was good attendance and a request to make the "field of dreams" a "field of reality." Other requests included having all decision making bodies (Board of Supervisors, School Board and Fair Board) work together for the community, obtaining a dedicated funding source, and that when the plan is presented to the Board that an evening meeting be scheduled. There was a

great presentation by the swim team. It was noted that the facilities are for adults as well as the youth, for the community and to serve the visitors, and that the senior programs could be enhanced.

- Rich Begley, PWD-Parks and Recreation Deputy Director, responded to questions from the Board relative to the status of facilities for the youth football and funding to cover the fees being requested by the Fairgrounds.

- Supervisor Parker advised that he will be in Modesto on Thursday to attend a meeting and he will discuss attendance at the Great Valley meeting with Supervisor Stewart.

- Supervisor Reilly advised that she plans to attend the Mother Lode Work Investment Board quarterly meeting on Wednesday.

- Chairman Balmain advised a letter of resignation was received from Steve Hayes, Visitors' Bureau Director, effective July 31, 2001.

Approval of Minutes 6/19/01, 6/26/01 and 6/27/01 Regular Meetings

BOARD ACTION: Approved.

Approval of Consent Agenda (See End of Minutes)

BOARD ACTION: Supervisor Stewart pulled item 3. (M)Reilly, (S)Parker, balance of items were approved/Ayes: Reilly, Balmain, Stewart, Parker; Excused: Pickard. Jeff Green, County Counsel, advised of correspondence received from the State relative to item 1, and request for authorization to be included in the form resolution for extension and amendments to the grant for the Statutory Rape Vertical Prosecution (SRVP) Program. Bill Flaherty, DA/Victim-Witness Coordinator, advised that the State will take the same position with the Victim-Witness grant program, and he will bring something back to the Board. (M)Parker, (S)Stewart, Res. 01-197 adopted approving the form resolution as required by the State for the SRVP Program/Ayes: Reilly, Balmain, Stewart, Parker; Excused: Pickard. Supervisor Stewart advised of typographical errors in item 3. (M)Stewart, (S)Reilly, LTC Res. 01-10 adopted, with the typographical errors to be corrected/Ayes: Reilly, Balmain, Stewart, Parker; Excused: Pickard.

10:02 a.m. Public hearing to consider adopting Zoning Amendment No. 2001-4 was opened and continued to after the following matters.

Cheryle Rutherford-Kelly, Human Services Director;

Authorize the Human Service Director to Amend the Personal Service Agreement with Diane Adams, adding \$1,000 to Her Contract

BOARD ACTION: Following discussion, (M)Stewart, (S)Reilly, Res. 01-198 adopted/Ayes: Reilly, Balmain, Stewart, Parker; Excused: Pickard.

Gail Neal, Deputy Probation Officer, appeared on behalf of Pete Judy, Chief Probation Officer;

Authorize the Chief Probation Officer to Expend Funds (\$333,333) on a Reimbursable Juvenile Accountability Incentive Block Grant (JAIBG) Which Must be Dispersed Between 7/01/01 to 9/30/01

BOARD ACTION: Following discussion relative to the matching funds for the grant, (M)Parker, (S)Stewart, Res. 01-199 adopted/Ayes: Reilly, Balmain, Stewart, Parker; Excused: Pickard.

Jeff Green, County Counsel;

Authorize the Chairman to Sign a Lease Agreement with the Mariposa County Historical Society for Continued Use of the Premises Upon which the History Center and Museum are Located

BOARD ACTION: Following discussion, (M)Parker, (S)Stewart, Res. 01-200 adopted/Ayes: Reilly, Balmain, Stewart, Parker; Excused: Pickard.

10:10 a.m. Sarah Williams, Planning Manager, appeared on behalf of Eric Toll, Planning Director;

PUBLIC HEARING: Consider Adopting a Notice of Exemption and Approval or Denial of Zoning Amendment No. 2001-4; Grupes, Applicants

BOARD ACTION: Jean Clark, Planner, presented the staff report, and she noted that the applicant was present. Supervisor Balmain and Jeff Green, County Counsel, noted typographical errors on the draft resolution. Staff responded to questions from the Board relative to protection of the landowner in the case of a catastrophic occurrence that would prevent meeting the conditions of the Timber Management Plan; and, if such an event occurred, whether the matter would come back to the Planning Commission or the Board.

Public portion of the hearing was opened. There was no public input. Public portion of the hearing was closed.

The Board commenced with deliberations. (M)Parker, (S)Stewart, Res. 01-201 adopted approving a Notice of Exemption and approving Zoning Amendment No. 2001; first reading was waived and an ordinance introduced approving a change in the Official County Zoning Map; and approval was given for a declaration to be signed by the property owners that the property will meet the State mandated timber stocking standards within five years of the inclusion of the property in the Timber Exclusive Zone, with change in the language to be provided by County Counsel to protect the landowner in the case of a catastrophic occurrence/Ayes: Reilly, Balmain, Stewart, Parker; Excused: Pickard. Hearing was closed.

Authorize the Chairman to Sign the Following Agreements: (1) Amendment to the Annual Automation Cooperation Agreement Between the California Department of Child Support Services and the Mariposa County Department of Child Support Services; and (2) Plan of Cooperation Between the Department of Child Support Services and the Superior Court of Mariposa County (County Counsel)

BOARD ACTION: Following discussion, (M)Parker, (S)Stewart, Res. 01-202 adopted/Ayes: Reilly, Balmain, Stewart, Parker; Excused: Pickard.

Approve the Installation of Video Conferencing Equipment in the Mariposa County Government Center; and Authorize the County Administrative Officer to Work with the California State Association of Counties on the Installation (County Administrative Officer)

BOARD ACTION: Following discussion, (M)Stewart, (S)Parker, Res. 01-203 adopted/Ayes: Reilly, Balmain, Stewart, Parker; Excused: Pickard.

Adopt the Alternative Method of Distribution of Tax Levies as Outlined in Revenue and Taxation Code 4701 through 4717 for the Lake Don Pedro Community Services District and Mariposa Public Utility District (Auditor)

BOARD ACTION: (M)Parker, (S)Stewart, Res. 01-204 adopted/Ayes: Reilly, Balmain, Stewart, Parker; Excused: Pickard.

10:34 a.m. Recess

10:47 p.m. LOCAL TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

Jim Petropulos, Public Works Director;
Information Presented by CalTrans Staff

COMMISSION ACTION: Dana Cowell, CalTrans Planning Manager, introduced the following staff: Ram Narayan/Project Manager, and Jane Wegge/Senior Planner. They

gave an overview of the STIP process. They reviewed the status of the following projects:

Highway 49 South/Stockton Creek left-turn lane – they are doing preliminary work and the project qualified as a safety project;

Highway 132/Hidalgo intersection – they will study whether additional work is needed after the current project is complete;

Highway 140 repair of undermined concrete rock slope protection – they are reviewing this and will get more information on the status to the Commission;

Highway 140/Yaqui Gulch intersection and turnout extension – these are minor projects;

Highway 140/Smith Road intersection – they will review; and

Highway 49/Darrah Road intersection – project has been suspended they will review the matter. Commission members expressed frustration with the lack of communication to the County on the status of these issues, particularly with this project as it has been in the planning stages for a long time. The Commission requested that the project be expedited. Jim Petropulos provided input relative to Darrah Road's high traffic volume.

Dana Cowell reviewed the STIP project cycle and changes in funding and the status of the Highway 49 South/Old Highway bridge project, and the possibility of using the STIP funds for this project. He advised that they will work with staff to see if there are ways to bring the costs down for this project.

Discussion was held relative to alternatives for improving the intersection of Highway 140 and Highway 49 South.

Dana Cowell advised that staff will try to attend the Commission meetings and they will plan to give periodic update reports to the Commission.

Greg Iturria, County Administrative Officer;

CLOSED SESSION: Regarding Public Employee Performance Evaluation for the County Administrative Officer

BOARD ACTION: (M)Stewart, (S)Reilly, closed session to be held after lunch at 1:15 p.m./Ayes: Reilly, Balmain, Stewart, Parker; Excused: Pickard.

11:55 a.m. Lunch

1:19 p.m. Closed session held.

2:02 p.m. Eric Toll, Planning Director;

PUBLIC HEARING (Deliberation Phase): Final Action by the Board to (1) Approve a Negative Declaration; (2) Adopt an Ordinance Amending Chapter 17.144 of the Mariposa County Code, Enforcement to Change the Penalty for Enforcement from a Misdemeanor to an Infraction; Identifying the Zoning Enforcement Officer as the Planning Director; Requiring Board Approval of Enforcement Administrative Procedures; and Establishing a System for Investigation, Appeal and Resolution of Enforcement Matters; and (3) Approve Planning Director's Administrative Guidelines (Continued from 6-19-01)

BOARD ACTION: Eric Toll advised of changes to clarify the language in the documents as requested during the previous discussion on this matter, and of the correction of typographical errors. It was noted that this is the deliberation phase of the hearing. (M)Reilly, (S)Stewart, Res. 01-205 adopted approving a Negative Declaration; Ordinance 967 was adopted amending Chapter 17.144, Enforcement, of the Mariposa County Code as recommended; and Administrative Guidelines were approved/Ayes: Reilly, Balmain, Stewart, Parker; Excused: Pickard. Hearing was closed.

Chairman Balmain announced that direction was given to staff as a result of the closed session.

2:20 p.m. Recess

2:40 p.m. LOCAL TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

Jim Petropulos, Public Works Director;

Adopt the 2001-2002 Transportation Planning Overall Work Program; and Authorize the Executive Director of the Local Transportation Commission to Sign the Overall Work Program Agreement

COMMISSION ACTION: Discussion was held with Jim Petropulos and Amy Roberts/PWD-Transportation Planner. Commissioner Balmain requested that the Don Pedro equestrian trails project be included in the document and for any potential funding sources that may be available. He also asked whether pedestrian/bike path funds could be used for the equestrian trails. (M)Parker, (S)Balmain, LTC Res. 01-11 adopted/Ayes: Reilly, Balmain, Stewart, Parker; Excused: Pickard.

2:48 p.m. Board of Supervisors reconvened.

INFORMATION – No action was necessary on the following:
Information Hearing Schedule (Clerk of the Board)

CONSENT AGENDA

- CA-1 Authorize an Extension of the 2000/2001 Statutory Rape Vertical Prosecution Grant from an Ending Date of June 30, 2001 to an Ending Date of December 31, 2001. This Would Allow the Grant to Expend Unused Funds in the Amount of \$15,400 (District Attorney); Res. 01-195
- CA-2 Authorize the Purchase of a Fixed Asset (Ice Machine) \$1,600 Prior to the Budget Hearings (Public Works); Res. 01-196
- CA-3 **LOCAL TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**
Authorize the Executive Director to Sign the Section 5311 Operating Assistance Project Application Enabling County Transit to Claim \$20,697 in Operating Funds for FY 00-01 (Public Works); LTC Res. 01-10
- CA-4 Accept the Resignation of Jonathon Farrington from the Fish Camp Community Planning Advisory Council (Supervisor Pickard)
- CA-5 Accept the Resignation of Sue B. Schumacher from the Mental Health Board and Jim Crane from the Alcohol and Drug Advisory Board (Supervisors Reilly and Pickard)

2:48 p.m. Adjournment in memory of Arthur Anderson, J. C. McCurdy, Virginia B. Halliday, and Larry S. Twehous.

Respectfully submitted,

MARGIE WILLIAMS,
Clerk of the Board



MARIPOSA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

CONFORMED AGENDA JULY 17, 2001



Time Description
9:08 a.m. Meeting Called to Order
Pledge of Allegiance

Introductions – Chairman Balmain introduced Stan Craig, the new Chief of the Madera-Mariposa-Merced Ranger Unit for California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection.

Public Presentations: For Non-Timed Agenda Items and for Items Not on the Agenda
- Pelk Richards, Sheriff, advised that the arraignment for Cary Stayner was held on Monday, and February 25, 2002 was set as the trial date. He also advised of the status of funding proposed for rural counties in the State's budget.

Board Information:

- Supervisor Stewart commented on the classic car show held on Saturday, and his selection of the vehicle to receive the trophy sponsored by the Board members.
- Supervisor Reilly advised that she will provide information on the Yosemite West Advisory Committee's efforts later this date.

Chairman Balmain;

A) Resolution and Plaque Recognizing Wain Johnson for His Outstanding Service Upon His Retirement as the Mariposa County Farm Advisor; Introduction of Gary Hickman as the New Farm Advisor

BOARD ACTION: (M)Parker, (S)Stewart, Res. 01-206 adopted and was presented to Wain Johnson, along with the tile plaque/Ayes: Unanimous. Wain thanked the Board and staff for support, and he advised that he plans to continue his efforts with the noxious weed program. Wain introduced the new Farm Advisor, Gary Hickman and his wife Charlotte.

B) Resolution and Plaque Recognizing Tom Starling for His Outstanding Service Upon His Retirement as the Public Works Solid Waste Coordinator

BOARD ACTION: (M)Pickard, (S)Parker, Res. 01-207 adopted and was presented to Tom Starling, along with the tile plaque/Ayes: Unanimous. Tom thanked the Board and staff for support.

C) Resolution and Plaque Recognizing Bill Henderson for His Outstanding Service Upon His Retirement from the Mariposa County Public Works Department

BOARD ACTION: (M)Stewart, (S)Parker, Res. 01-208 adopted/Ayes: Unanimous. Bill Henderson was not present and presentation of resolution and tile plaque will be rescheduled.

Approval of Consent Agenda (See End of Minutes)

BOARD ACTION: (M)Reilly, (S)Pickard, all items were approved/Ayes: Unanimous.

9:35 a.m. Recess

9:50 a.m. Jeff Green, County Counsel;

A) Accept Gift Deed of Unimproved Real Property Donated to the County of Mariposa by Ephraim and Lillian Regelson

BOARD ACTION: Following discussion, (M)Stewart, (S)Parker, Res. 01-213 adopted/Ayes: Unanimous.

B) Certificate of Appreciation to Ephraim and Lillian Regelson for their Generous Donation of Real Property Surrounding the Mariposa Town Park to the County of Mariposa on Behalf of its Citizens

BOARD ACTION: (M)Stewart, (S)Parker, Certificate of appreciation was approved and presented to Ephraim and Lillian Regelson/Ayes: Unanimous. Mrs. Regelson stated she hopes the County will be able to reforest the parcel. Mr. Regelson noted that they have always considered Mariposa their special home, and he thanked Dr. Evans and Andy Weare for bringing them to Mariposa and for their friendship over the years.

Supervisor Reilly advised that she attended the monthly meeting of the Yosemite West Advisory Committee on Monday. The Committee is working diligently to look at practical issues and to develop a consensus to the community's water and wastewater situation. She advised that if the Board members have any questions relative to the status of the Committee's activities, to let her know; or, an item could be scheduled on the agenda to provide an update.

Supervisor Stewart passed around photographs of trolley cars that an Oregon company brought through Mariposa. He also advised that another trolley car company from Healdsburg plans to bring their cars through town, and he would like the Board to be able to see them. He feels the trolley cars would be an unique and fun thing to add to the tourist and transportation element of the County.

10:01 a.m. Cheryle Rutherford-Kelly, Human Services Director;

PUBLIC HEARING: Receive Public Comment and a Performance Report on the Status of Native American Housing Rehabilitation Program and Possible 2002 Applications for a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funding and a Review of Program Income

BOARD ACTION: Cheryle Rutherford-Kelly provided the staff report and responded to questions from the Board relative to the possibility of modifying the qualifying threshold from \$45,000 to \$60,000 for rehabilitation costs; Bureau of Indian Affairs' tribal status requirements; and restriction to improvements on allotment land.

Public portion of the hearing was opened. There was no input. Public portion was closed and the Board commenced with deliberations. Staff responded to additional questions from the Board relative to funding rehabilitation projects on allotment land and the possibility of assisting those that are not members of a tribe. (M)Pickard, (S)Stewart, Res. 01-214 adopted approving recommendation for 2002 applications and request for change in program income/Ayes: Reilly, Balmain, Stewart, Pickard; Abstained: Parker. Hearing was closed.

Cheryle Rutherford-Kelly, Human Services Director and Pete Judy, Chief Probation Officer;

(1) Approve the Mariposa County Substance Abuse and Crime Prevention Act (SACPA) Plan; (2) Delegate Future Approval Authority to Mariposa County Human Services, the Designated Lead Agency for Mariposa County After Review by County Counsel and the County Administrative Officer

BOARD ACTION: Discussion was held with Cheryle Rutherford-Kelly, Pete Judy, and Howard Davies/Assistant Sheriff, relative to the development of the plan and administration of the services. Supervisor Parker asked about the amount of

administrative funds for this program. Further discussion was continued for the following hearing to be opened.

10:34 a.m. Public hearing to consider unmet transit needs was opened and continued until after the following matter.

Further discussion was held relative to the SACPA Plan. . (M)Reilly, (S)Pickard, Res. 01-215 adopted approving recommendation/Ayes: Reilly, Balmain, Stewart, Pickard; Noes: Parker.

Chairman Balmain requested that the presentation of the resolution and tile plaque to Bill Henderson be rescheduled on a future agenda when Bill can be present.

Chairman Balmain advised that he will be unable to be present for the afternoon portion of the Board meeting.

10:46 a.m. LOCAL TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

Jim Petropulos, Public Works Director;

PUBLIC HEARING (Deliberation Phase): Determine if There are Transit Needs Within the Community That are Not Being Met, But That are Reasonable to Meet for Fiscal Year 2001/2002 (Continued from 6-19-01)

COMMISSION ACTION: Amy Roberts/PWD-Transportation Planner, advised of revised recommendation to provide a one-time contribution to Jerry Rizziano's Taxi Service in the amount of \$3,000, with one-half of that amount to be in voucher reimbursement and one-half to be a subsidy to assist with the insurance costs. Jim Petropulos and Amy Roberts responded to questions from the Commissioners relative to the voucher system; clarification that this would be a pilot program; whether there would be any liability incurred by the County for providing assistance to the Taxi Service; and the status of the request to fund a transit study. Motion by Pickard to identify the centralized phone system and the taxi service as unmet needs, died for lack of a second. (M)Parker, (S)Stewart, LTC Res. 01-12 adopted finding the centralized phone number system is an unmet need that is reasonable to meet/Ayes: Unanimous. Following further discussion, (M)Pickard, (S)Stewart, LTC Res. 01-13 adopted finding the taxi service is an unmet need that is reasonable to meet, with \$1,500 to be provided in voucher reimbursement and \$1,500 as a subsidy to assist with the insurance costs, and with direction for an agreement to be prepared with Jerry Rizziano's Taxi Service/Ayes: Reilly, Stewart, Parker, Pickard; Noes: Balmain. Further discussion was held relative to the voucher system process. Board concurred that the vouchers be handled on a redemption basis versus an up-front handout. Jeff Green, County Counsel, noted the timeframes for the taxi service and asked whether the agreement with Jerry Rizziano needs to be brought back for the Board's approval. Board concurred that the agreement does not need to be brought back, that it be processed contingent on review and approval of the County Administrative Officer and County Counsel. Hearing was closed.

Commissioner Pickard provided an update on the status of AB608, legislation relative to the accounting of funds for CalTrans projects. He advised of recent amendments relative to twenty- percent variances in the cost estimate of projects and responsibility for those cost overages and under estimates. Discussion was held. Commissioner Parker asked that the Commission be kept better informed on the status of legislation like this that affects the County. Jim Petropulos noted that the amendment to this legislation sets some caps that have not existed previously.

11:40 a.m. Lunch

2:12 p.m. Board reconvened with Supervisor Balmain excused for the rest of the meeting.

Vice-Chairman Stewart presented a copy of the July 11, 2001, Congressional Record to Wain Johnson, and he read the statement of commendation and best wishes from Congressman Radanovich. Wain noted that he missed thanking his wife, Jackie, and Joan Holmstrom, secretary, earlier this date for their support.

Eric Toll, Planning Director;

Joint Meeting with Planning Commission in Regards to General Plan Update

BOARD ACTION: The following Planning Commissioners were present: Leroy Radanovich, Gary Colliver, Bob Rudzik and Susan Crain. Commissioner Pucilowski was excused.

Commissioner Radanovich commented on the progress of the General Plan Update and the need to make some directional decisions. He advised that he met with Supervisors Balmain and Parker relative to an agenda for today's discussion. He requested that discussion be held as to the direction the Board would like to see the Planning Commission take in forming the Update and that discussion be held on the elements to be included.

Eric Toll commented on the status of the Board's review of the issues and elements of the Update.

Commissioner Radanovich commented on the issue of growth and rapid-growth and consideration of what it would do to change the community and its character. He advised that the last discussion at the Planning Commission meeting was basic fundamental philosophy relative to the content and direction of the General Plan, and what it will define for the next twenty years. He commented on the history of the County and its development. He stated the Planning Commission is looking for a philosophical statement from the Board.

Discussion was held relative to defining rural character; and whether infrastructure, availability of water and sewage disposal, would control development in the County.

Commissioner Rudzik stated he hopes the Board could "pencil-in" a sense of direction to start with.

Discussion was held concerning this request; the status of where the Board and the Commission are with their work on the General Plan Update; and relative to communication between the two bodies. Supervisor Parker suggested that the Commission present the Board with a list of questions for the Board to consider and respond to. Supervisor Reilly noted that the Board is just beginning to discuss some of the issues like density that the Commission is looking for direction on.

Eric Toll advised that the Board is reviewing the issues raised during the Planning Fairs and providing direction under which element they are to be placed and where the Plan and the County is going; the Commission is reviewing the 1981 Plan and making recommendations on each element and fine-tuning the language. He noted that the Commission ran into a road block when it got to the circulation element – the Transportation Plan that was recently adopted by the Local Transportation Commission differs and there are issues that were raised when the Board and Commission met on the road standards and circulation policies that have not been resolved.

Supervisor Reilly asked if the Commission has consensus on these issues. Leroy advised that he feels that they do. He also commented on the development standards document that the Planning Commission sent to the Board – he noted that the Commission never received a response from the Board on the document and asked for better communication. Discussion was held.

Commissioner Radanovich suggested that the Commission take the General Plan Update document, once the basic elements have been established, and formulate a draft to submit to the Board for review and comment. He also suggested that other elements

be included such as education and recreation, and that the recreation element address the needs of the citizens versus just Yosemite. He stated he feels the Parks and Recreation Master Plan should be done in cooperation with the Commission so that the Plans are consistent. He suggested that the Commission could draft a statement of purpose for the General Plan for review by the Board. Supervisor Parker suggested that the Commission review the status of the Board's work on the Update.

Eric Toll further commented on the timeframes for the Update and the status of review by the Board and the Commission. Commissioners and Board members agreed with the need for more discussion on the issues as the Update progresses and requested that an agenda be prepared for future discussions. Commissioner Radanovich requested that a review of the Board's work on the issues for the Update be scheduled on the next Commission's agenda.

Planning Commission adjourned at 3:44 p.m.

CONSENT AGENDA

- CA-1 Authorize the Chair to Sign an Order of the Board to Reject Claim No. C01-4 in the Amount of \$150,000 (County Counsel); Res. 01-209
- CA-2 Authorize the Chair to Sign an Order of the Board to Reject Claim No. C01-3 in the Amount of \$150,000 (County Counsel); Res. 01-210
- CA-3 Approve the Road Name "Via de los Pinos," Major Subdivision 3-1-96; Medlicott, Applicant (Planning); Res. 01-211
- CA-4 Authorize the Human Service Director to Enter Into a Contract with Betty Massey, LCSW to Provide Clinical Counseling in Child Welfare Services/CPS (Human Services); Res. 01-212

3:45 p.m. Board recessed in memory of Ida Mae Harthill, Anna Lee Dishman, "Doc" Elmore Snapp, Jack Wilson, and David DeWayne Menard, and continued the meeting to Monday, July 23, 2001, at 9:00 a.m. for review of General Plan Update issues.

Respectfully submitted,

MARGIE WILLIAMS
Clerk of the Board



MARIPOSA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



CONFORMED AGENDA JULY 23, 2001

Time Description

9:10 a.m. Board met in continued session from July 17, 2001, with Supervisor Reilly excused.

Eric Toll, Planning Director;

General Plan Workshop: Review and Give General Direction to Staff Related to Guiding Principles for the General Plan Update

BOARD ACTION: Eric Toll advised that the matrix of issues that were raised during the Planning Fairs has been updated to reflect the Board's direction from July 9th and the remaining issues consolidated wherever possible. He noted that the Board will begin on item number 58 today. Discussion was held relative to the status of the Board and Commission's review and timeframes for the Update.

Andy Hauge, Parsons Vice-President, and Jeff Goldman, Parsons Principle Planner, were present to assist with the issues.

The Board reviewed the following General Plan issues:

Proposed Agriculture Element:

58. Organic specialty farming – to be combined with No. 61.

59. Agri-niche business – to be combined with No. 61.

61a. Agribusiness and youth jobs – to be placed under the economic development element.

Supervisor Stewart asked about combining other issues such as soils, timber and water. Discussion was held relative to issues that overlap and providing a broad policy direction at this time.

60. Agri-tourism – Discussion was held. Supervisor Parker suggested expanded uses be addressed. Andy Hauge stated he feels this issue should be addressed under economic development.

62. Sustainability of the agriculture – to be addressed.

63. Water, ranching and agricultural uses – to be addressed with water issues.

64. Agriculture and fire management – Supervisor Parker stated he feels this is a part of fire management overall and should not be included here. Supervisor Balmain commented on timber issues and suggested subtitles to includes issues of management and clearing of brush to enhance water run-off.

Proposed Economic Development Element:

65. Redevelopment districts – Supervisor Parker suggested that the term "redevelopment" not be used and that the subtitles of "a" and "b" be deleted. Supervisor Pickard suggested the focus be on the Main Street concept.

66. UC Merced and Mariposa economy – Discussion was held as to whether consideration should be given to making this a topic on it own. Andy Hauge commented on the need for the Board to develop a strong policy statement on this issue.

67. Constraints and opportunities concerning size of new industry – this issue was not discussed.

68. Economic Development and County involvement – Supervisor Pickard requested that subtitle “e” be added for business retention.

69. Education and job training for specific targeted industries – Eric Toll noted that this issue was discussed with other topics during a previous meeting. Discussion was held relative to the entrepreneurial training issue. Issue to be further reviewed.

70. Home enterprises – Supervisor Parker stated he feels the Planning Commission should begin to review this issue. Supervisor Stewart asked about review of home industry. Eric Toll advised that both issues would be looked at as home business.

71. Mariposa Mine – not to be addressed.

72. Resource Conservation District and economic development – independent districts not to be addressed.

73. Yosemite National Park related businesses and services – Discussion was held. Board concurred with including and coordinating with the Park Service.

10:22 a.m. Recess

10:36 a.m. Safety Element:

76. Safe community – law enforcement in general to be addressed.

80. Arsenic and asbestos – Eric Toll advised that this issue is covered in other forums.

79. Prescribed burns – Discussion was held. Supervisor Balmain commented on biomass, pre-burn and post-burn preparation. Supervisor Parker suggested the issue be included under fire management. Supervisor Balmain suggested it also be included with timber management and fuel load management for acreage in the Timber Zone. Board concurred with combining this issue with No. 75/Fire prevention and fire management.

78. Snow removal – not to be addressed.

74. Drainage – Discussion was held. Eric Toll advised that this is required to address surface run-off and it is interwoven with No. 77/Grading.

Noise Element:

81. Business-residential noise compatibility; 82. Noise and crowd management; 83. Noise and quality of life; and 84. Noise enforcement – issues to be addressed.

85. Barking dogs – not to be addressed.

Local Recreation Element:

86. Parks and Recreation programs; 87. Town gathering places; 88. Trails; and 89. Youth facilities – Supervisor Pickard suggested including other facilities such as ball fields and green grass areas. Supervisor Parker suggested that the Parks and Recreation Master Plan be included. Supervisor Balmain suggested that specific projects not be included, and that pedestrian, equestrian and bike trails be added. Supervisor Pickard suggested that criteria be identified in the General Plan for having a park.

Historic Sites Element:

90. Historic districts; 91. Historic preservation; 92. Cultural resources criteria and flexibility; and 93. Cultural tourism – Supervisor Parker suggested the Planning Commission review the design review issue and other historical sites issues. Supervisor Balmain stated he feels we need to be careful about private property rights when dealing with these issues.

Area Plans:

94. Regional plans within the General Plan; 95. Foresta issues; and 96. Joint Tuolumne-Mariposa planning effort in Don Pedro – Board concurred with including a statement relative to what is happening with these issues.

97. Mariposa archway – not to be included.

Possible Design Review:

98. Defining rural character; and 99. Design review standards – Discussion was held. Supervisor Pickard stated he feels it is important that a design be contemplated with development. He feels we have an opportunity to make this a very desirable place and to keep our historic theme. Board concurred with needing further discussion on these issues.

100. Design review committee – not to be included.

102. Mobile home park design standards – It was noted that RV parks would fit in this issue.

101. Light, and scenic pollution – Discussion was held. Supervisor Stewart suggested that this issue be addressed with the design review for specific projects. Board concurred with not addressing this as a separate issue.

Possible Human Resources Element:

103. Human services, health services, and education element(s); 104. Senior citizens; 105. Community services and churches; and 106. Domestic violence – Eric Toll commented that these issues could be addressed as a part of the quality of life versus as a stand-alone element – the Board concurred.

Possible Arts and Culture Element:

107. Cultural activities, including theatre and visual arts; and 108. Art as economic development – Eric Toll noted these issues could be consolidated with a regional tourism element – the Board concurred. Supervisor Stewart stated he feels this could also be a part of economic development issues. Supervisor Pickard stated he does not want to exclude this from being a separate element at this time.

Possible Education Element:

109. School capacity and sites; 110. Wildlife education center; 111. Involve youth in planning process; 112. Rural schools and community challenge; and 113. School system and job-force preparation – Discussion was held. Eric Toll advised that based on previous discussion, he will coordinate a meeting between the Board and the School Board relative to the school capacity and sites. Board concurred with not addressing Nos. 111, 112, and 113.

Possible Regional Tourism Element:

114. Public recreation along rivers; 115. Tourism; and 116. Off road vehicles – Discussion was held. Issues to be addressed. Supervisor Stewart stated he feels No. 116 needs to be addressed, but it may not need to be a separate issue.

117. Visitor centers; and 118. Yosemite National Park – Discussion was held. Supervisors Parker and Pickard stated they feel No. 117 is addressed in other areas of the Plan. Supervisor Parker stated he feels the Board has addressed No. 118 with previous actions. Supervisor Balmain stated he agrees with addressing No. 118, but we should work with the Park.

Possible Public Facilities Element:

121. Hospital facilities – Eric Toll advised that this does not need to be addressed in the Plan. Discussion was held.

122. Juvenile Hall – Board concurred with placing this issue under law enforcement.

123. Public property acquisition – Discussion was held. Board concurred with keeping the existing language in the current Plan.

119. Extension of water services – Discussion was held. Eric Toll suggested that the Planning Commission look at this issue again.

120. New special districts – Eric Toll stated he feels it is important to have policies for developments that propose new special districts.

Overall General Plan Issues:

124 – 133. To be discussed at a later time.

Eric Toll advised that at the next Board meeting on this matter, he will ask the Board to establish the framework for the General Plan Update and start giving a collective philosophy of the Board on the remaining issues.

12:06 p.m. Adjournment

Respectfully submitted,

MARGIE WILLIAMS
Clerk of the Board



MARIPOSA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

CONFORMED AGENDA JULY 24, 2001



Time Description

9:09 a.m. Meeting Called to Order
Pledge of Allegiance
Introductions

Public Presentations: For Non-Timed Agenda Items and for Items Not on the Agenda

- Mark Thornton, Tuolumne County District IV Supervisor, stated he was speaking as an individual Supervisor; however, the other Board members are aware of his presentation to the Board this morning. He read his letter into the record relative to the Board's discussion on May 1st, stating he feels that some inaccurate information concerning Tuolumne County was held relative to their purchase of diesel buses, parking area, YARTS issues and reference to a sign about Highway 132. He requested that a special, public meeting be held to discuss YARTS, Yosemite National Park planning issues, and possibly other topics.

- Kirk Helland stated he supports Supervisor Thornton's request for a discussion to be scheduled on these issues. He quoted Madera County Supervisors as being highly critical of YARTS, and stated that the people who are pushing the Yosemite Valley Plan forward show a total lack of regard for the people they serve. He urged the Board members to join them in their efforts.

- Bart Brown stated he agrees with Kirk Helland and Supervisor Thornton relative to the request to have a discussion on the issues. He referred the status of the Plan and efforts to prevent it from being implemented, and he commented on YARTS issues.

- Barbara Taylor stated she supports the request to schedule discussion on the issues. She noted that reservations are down for the lodging industry and that she still has people calling that are concerned that bus transportation to Yosemite is required.

- Eleanor Keuning referred to her travels last summer to Montana and advised that people were under the impression that Yosemite is still closed. She stated that she feels we need a push to let the public know that the Park is open and that you can drive. She stated she supports the skatepark project and the arts programs; however, she does not feel that the skatepark and the amphitheater project are compatible. She referred to Leroy Radanovich's column in the newspaper on this issue. She asked that the Board review all of the elements and reconsider the location of the skatepark. She suggested that it be a part of the sports complex that is being considered.

- Chairman Balmain initiated discussion relative to the request for a meeting to discuss Yosemite planning and YARTS issues. It was noted that the Board's process for scheduling matters should be followed (i.e., written request stating the action requested). Supervisor Thornton thanked the Board for consideration of his request, commented on their Board's meeting schedule and the need to coordinate around their schedule, and he stated this Fall would be okay to have the meeting. Supervisor Thornton will follow up with a letter of dates and times that will work for the meeting.

Board Information

- Supervisor Pickard advised that he attended a workshop on Wednesday with RCRC relative to water issues.

Approval of Minutes 7/9/01 and 7/10/01 Regular Meetings

BOARD ACTION: Approved.

Approval of Consent Agenda (See End of Minutes)

BOARD ACTION: Supervisor Balmain pulled item 1 and asked for a wording change. Supervisor Parker pulled item 2. (M)Reilly, (S)Stewart, balance of items were approved/Ayes: Unanimous. Supervisor Stewart introduced Julia Richard, new member of the Airport Advisory Committee. Items 1 and 2 were continued to later this date for consideration with the Visitors' Bureau matter.

Jeff Green, County Counsel;

Authorize the Chairman to Sign a Lease Agreement for the Mining and Mineral Museum with the 35-A District Agricultural Association

BOARD ACTION: Matter was continued to later this date for consideration with the Visitors' Bureau matter.

9:42 a.m. Jeff Green, County Counsel;

CLOSED SESSION: Conference Regarding Service Employees International Union

BOARD ACTION: (M)Reilly, (S)Stewart, closed session was held/Ayes: Unanimous.

9:52 a.m. Recess

10:10 a.m. Board reconvened and Chairman Balmain announced that direction was given to staff as a result of closed session.

Peggy Donkersley, Courthouse Tour Guide, noted that the monument in front of the Courthouse is being vandalized and suggested that it be enclosed to protect it.

Jim Petropulos, Public Works Director;

A) **PUBLIC HEARING:** Regarding Increasing Ground Leases, Tie Down and Hangar Fees at the Mariposa/Yosemite Airport

BOARD ACTION: Marty Allan, PWD/Fleet-Fiscal Manager, provided the staff report.

Public portion of the hearing was opened and input was provided by the following:

Harvey Ferrier expressed concern with what he called a "computer glitch" – a lack of incremental increases over the past few years that resulted in getting behind in revenue to meet the expenses. He stated he does not agree with the increase that is proposed. He cited an example of a house that he rented at a rate less than his loan payment; however, the value increased and he did not lose money overall, and he stated he feels this should apply to the hangars. He commented on past increases, and recommended that a three-percent increase be considered – something more in line with the cost-of-living index. He responded to a question from the Board clarifying his recommendation.

Klaus Heddergott stated he owns a hangar at the Airport, and he feels the proposed increases are unnecessary and excessive. He feels the fees are too high now. He stated many of the aircraft owners are not wealthy. He commented on the relatively low value of land in the Airport area, and he referred to fees at other airports. He urged the Board to not approve the increase.

Forbes Simpson stated he had the earliest privately owned hangar at the Airport. He stated he feels that consistency is needed, and he referred to increases he has seen.

Bill Foschaar stated he has a hangar at the Airport and is Chairman of the Airport Advisory Committee. He commented on changes at the Airport and improvements and the history of the fee increases. He stated he is in favor of the increases being proposed because he wants the Airport to be as self-sufficient as possible. He feels the hangars should pay for themselves. He does not want the County to pay for his entertainment,

i.e., spending time at the Airport with his plane. He responded to a question from the Board relative to the Advisory Committee's recommendation on this matter and advised that the Committee vote unanimously in favor of the proposed increase.

Cameron Jacobi stated he has a hangar at the Airport, and he does not feel the rate increases are justified. He suggested that the loan for the hangars be refinanced. He noted that the pilots also pay property taxes on their aircraft and possessory interest taxes on the hangars – this adds to their overall costs.

Larry Todd stated he has a hangar and pays rent and taxes, and he uses his plane for the civil air patrol. He stated he can understand a reasonable rate increase, perhaps something tied to the CPI. He stated he is not sure that an increase across the board at this time is justified. He feels other revenue producing opportunities should be explored at the Airport. He suggested that consideration could be given to charging for private vehicles left at the Airport; charging the larger planes that stay here a day or so when the weather doesn't allow for landings in the valley; leaving notes on the windows relative to fee amounts and having an overnight drop box for tie-down fees to be deposited; and he feels that overnight parking fees could be increased. He responded to a question from the Board as to whether these suggestions have been discussed with the Airport Advisory Committee. Bill Foschaar stated he feels the Committee could discuss these issues at the next meeting.

Richard Kunstman commented that the effective rate of increase would have been higher if three-percent increases had been assessed each year.

Harvey Ferrier noted that the County does not receive any revenue from other public facilities such as the administration, library, and park facilities; and he noted the Airport is also a public facility.

Public portion of the hearing was closed and the Board commenced with deliberations. Marty Allan responded to issues that were raised; advised of revenue received annually from Civil Aeronautics and of the interest rate on the loan. Supervisor Balmain advised that he also rents a County T-hangar at the Airport, and he feels he can make a decision without having a conflict on this matter. Marty Allan and Jim Petropulos responded to questions from the Board relative to the recommended increase, loan information, profit and loss information for the hangars, vacancy status for the hangars and waiting list status, and the possibility of having smaller incremental increases. (M)Reilly, (S)Stewart, Res. 01-218 adopted approving a rate increase in the amount of ten-percent for ground-lease, tie-downs and hangars, with direction to staff to bring back an adjustment in future years to balance the loan payments with the revenue; and for the transient tie-down fee to be \$4.00/night. Discussion was held relative to having five-percent increases in the future until revenues catch up with the costs. Ayes: Unanimous. Direction was also given for staff to review the suggestions that were made. Hearing was closed.

B) PUBLIC HEARING: Regarding the "Report of Delinquent Fees" and Confirmation by Resolution the Addition of Delinquent Fees to the Appropriate Property Tax Roll for Collection of Water and Sewer Standby Fees and Water, Sewer and Road Fees in Several County Special Districts

BOARD ACTION: Marty Allan, PWD/Fleet-Fiscal Manager, presented the staff report. Public portion of the hearing was opened and there was no public input. Public portion was closed. Board commenced with deliberations. (M)Reilly, (S)Stewart, Res. 01-219 adopted/Ayes: Unanimous. Hearing was closed.

Balance of Public Works items were continued to later this date.

11:17 a.m. Recess

11:30 a.m. Greg Iturria, County Administrative Officer
Provide Direction to Staff Regarding the Immediate and Long Term Future of the
Visitors' Bureau and its Mission

BOARD ACTION: Greg Iturria presented his staff report and recommendation.

Input from the public was provided by the following:

Candy O'Donel-Browne, Chamber of Commerce Executive Director, read her statement relative to tourism and marketing, requesting that the current Visitors' Bureau marketing program be continued for the next full year and that there be an increase in community collaboration in terms of our approach to the community and its economy. She requested time to work with the Board and suggested a series of workshops involving the Board and the business community to consider changes in the structure of the Visitors' Bureau.

Susan Crain stated she supports Candy's statements, and she feels the Visitors' Bureau should be kept as its own entity and should not be included with Administration. She feels this is a separate area of expertise. She agrees with forming a non-profit organization. During the General Plan Update process, she feels there will be a lot of issues addressing this function. She further stated she agrees with having more time to study the matter and obtain input.

Kevin Kelly, Yosemite Concession Services, stated he supports Candy's comments. He stated he feels the Visitors' Bureau is a "brand" for the County and we should retain it. He feels we are a geographical challenged County and businesses are spread out and communication is important. He stated he feels we need to spend some time on this decision.

Kim Van Meter, Film Commissioner, stated she does not agree with the County Administrative Officer's vision. She presented statistical information on activities of her function and the revenue brought to the County. She stated she feels this function is helping the community and many contacts have been made. She advised that she is on the California on Location Awards Committee and is on the subcommittee for commercials. She stated she feels she has worked hard and come too far to not have the function continue.

Don Weston, representing the History Center, stated he agrees with Candy in a lot of her statements. He noted the History Center depends on tourism, and he feels we need the advertising. He commented on the consistent tourism attractions that are offered such as the Museum and History Center, the Mining and Mineral Exhibit, Music on the Green; and he stated he feels there is a lot of other potential. He stated he strongly supports the amphitheater and commends the Rotary for their efforts with this project. He stated he feels one can help another. He commented on the number of fundraising events and the need for better communication in coordinating the timing of the events. He also noted that he feels the business community is hurting right now.

Kay Mickel stated she used to work in the travel industry and is a businessperson in the community, and she understands and believes that her business in real estate is impacted by tourism. She stated she also supports the amphitheater project. She agrees that we should keep the "brand" for the County. She noted that people from Japan and other foreign countries were visiting this weekend and they were hoping someone would be able to show them the County – no one was available at the Visitors' Bureau. She noted that if we were a larger area, there would be a large staff to take care of these things. If we were smaller, it would be handled informally – but we are in between. She urged the Board to not disband the Visitors' Bureau, and to give more time for input to make some new and better decisions; and that the contracts be continued.

Jan Mennig, retiring Chamber of Commerce Executive Director and Chairman of the Tourism Advisory Council, suggested that more time be given. He stated he feels we are on a threshold of great opportunities versus disaster. He stated he feels that Candy could assist with the Visitors' Bureau duties through the transition. He referred to

reports that have been presented to the Board through the Visitors Bureau, and he recommended that a Board member be a part of the Tourism Advisory Council.

Nancy Radanovich, owner of the Vault, recommended that more time be given to consider the changes that are being proposed. She noted the businesses have not recovered from the flood, and this year does not look as good as they were hoping for. She noted that eighty-percent of the County's payroll is dependent on tourism revenue and she does not feel that is healthy. She feels we are using a small pie and trying to do too much with it. She commented that in smaller towns in the mid-west, recreational activities are available and the private sector helps support those activities and facilities. She stated she feels we need to make it easier for people to do business here. She also stated she feels we have changed back and forth too much on where the funding goes.

Elaine Seymour, Chocolate Soup, stated she agrees with Nancy. She stated she has worked hard with her business and supports retaining the Visitors' Bureau. She feels we need something that is stable and that businesses can depend on.

Jerry Fischer, Yosemite Motels, stated he feels that most of the people are here today in response to the first draft staff report. He stated he feels we need time for the business community to come back to the Board with suggestions for moving forward. He commented on the room vacancy rate this year, noting it is higher than in 1996, and its affect on the rest of the business community. He stated the visitation to Yosemite is dwindling, and there is a lot of competition for using "gateway to Yosemite" advertising. He stated he supports Candy's proposal. Supervisor Parker asked about the declining room occupancy, which has occurred during the time the County has had a Visitors' Bureau. Jerry stated he feels three things have impacted this year's visitation: 1) the international market is down; 2) the energy crisis in California; and 3) a turndown in the economy.

Discussion was held. Supervisor Pickard stated he feels the budget should remain status quo. Supervisor Balmain stated he feels the County should continue with the contracts and he agrees with the request to hold a workshop.

Barry Brouillette stated he feels the industry has been remiss in having the Visitors' Bureau Director carry everything to the Board, they should have had a more intimate contact with the Board. He stated he would like to see the staff person in the Visitors' Bureau continue, and he agrees with the budget going through Administration. He encouraged the Board to create a format and agenda of points to consider and an ad hoc committee to make recommendations to the Board, with the committee having Board member representation.

Susan Crain suggested the Chamber of Commerce execute the day-to-day business and oversee the Visitors' Bureau services during the interim time.

Tony Radanovich stated he feels the complex issue of capital investment and marketing the County is a tough one. He stated he feels there is a blind spot on the part of the community as to what the Board goes through and its day-to-day activities; and he feels there is a blind spot on the part of the Board in regard to the perception of people in the community that want to do things. He stated it would be nice to have more pro-activity. He urged better communication and stated he feels we should have both capital improvements and Visitors' Bureau.

Discussion was held relative to the input received. Supervisor Reilly commented on setting priorities for where the funding goes and the need for better coordination; and she stated she would like to see an expanded role of what presently exists. Supervisor Stewart commented on the County's relationship with Yosemite National Park and YARTS and the pressure the Board receives and how difficult some of these issues are. Supervisor Parker stated he supports the recommendation of the County Administrative Officer, with continuing discussion on the overall and long-range of this function; and he stated the list of things in Candy's statement that were not funded did not come to the Board for direction – it was a decision made by the Visitors' Bureau Director. He stated he supports retaining the Visitors' Bureau in some form, and with continuing with the

current contracts. He also commented on the need to finish projects such as the vault at the History Center and the amphitheater, and to have youth facilities. He stated he would like to have the visitor support services spelled out and whatever is decided will occur after more public input; and he is interested in seeing the alternatives for furthering/improving the communication between the County and the lodging industry.

Further discussion was continued for action to be taken on the following items.

(M)Parker, (S)Pickard, Res. 01-220 adopted authorizing Chairman to sign Lease Agreement for the Mining and Mineral Museum with the 35-A District Agricultural Association/Ayes: Unanimous.

Consent Agenda items 1 and 2: (M)Parker, (S)Pickard, items 1 and 2 were approved, with the wording change in the California State Fair Exhibit Statement of Purpose/Ayes: Unanimous.

(M)Parker, (S)Stewart, Res. 01-223 adopted approving County Administrative Officer's recommendation as presented relative to the Visitors' Bureau:

- 1) direct and authorize the County Administrative Officer to oversee any transition activities for the Visitors' Bureau, as recommended;
 - 2) direct the County Administrative Officer to prepare a recommended budget for a community/economic development budget unit that includes proposed appropriations for many of the expenses traditionally charged to the Visitors' Bureau;
 - 3) direct the intention to allocate a "community development/economic support coordinator" position to be hired by and reporting to the County Administrative Officer, and begin to phase out the Visitors' Bureau as a separate County department, with direction to staff to provide a detailed recommendation to the Board prior to Final Budget hearings;
 - 4) direct the intention to transfer the remaining Visitors' Bureau staff to a County department to be determined at a later date; and
 - 5) direct the County Administrative Officer to explore alternatives for furthering/improving the communication between the County and the lodging industry, and direct staff consideration of changing the Tourism Advisory Council or dismissing it for some other forum for communication; and
- with those suggestions that Supervisor Parker made during the Board's discussion relative to continuing discussion on the overall and long-range of this function; with the need to finish projects such as the vault at the History Center and the amphitheater, and to have youth facilities; and with having the visitor support services spelled out and whatever is decided will occur after more public input/Ayes: Unanimous.

1:07 p.m. Supervisor Parker advised that he will not be present for the afternoon portion of the meeting.

Balance of Public Works items:

C) Authorize the Public Works Director to Perform Negotiations, Payment Request and Other Official Functions in Regards to an Application for \$150,000 in Per Capita, 2000 Park Bond Act Funds

BOARD ACTION: (M)Pickard, (S)Reilly, Res. 01-224 adopted/Ayes: Unanimous.

D) Authorize the Public Works Director to Sign a Personal Service Agreement with Fred Solomon for Engineering/Construction Support Services for the Animal Shelter and the Mariposa Park Amphitheater Capital Improvement Project

BOARD ACTION: (M)Pickard, (S)Reilly, Res. 01-225 adopted. Jeff Green, County Counsel, advised that both agreements need to be corrected to be consistent with their exhibit relative to travel payments. Motion was amended, agreeable with maker and

second, to include direction for the corrections to be made. Greg Iturria, County Administrative Officer, commented on the allocated funding for the animal shelter project. Ayes: Unanimous.

1:10 p.m. Lunch

2:12 p.m. Board reconvened with Supervisor Parker excused.

Cheryle Rutherford-Kelly, Human Service Director and Greg Iturria, County Administrative Officer;
Workshop on Human Services Reorganization

BOARD ACTION: Greg Iturria provided input on the proposed reorganization. Cheryle Rutherford-Kelly gave an overview of the proposal, which includes adding deputy directors for each of the main functions of the department, a fiscal officer, data processing support, and a higher level of social workers. Discussion was held relative to the proposal and staffing levels for the Department. Supervisor Pickard initiated discussion relative to the Community Action Agency's efforts to access more funding for more programs, and how that fits with this proposal. Discussion was held relative to funding for the reorganization and the change in Mental Health services to the County, with the County defining the services and needs to be provided by the contractor. Greg Iturria advised that he is working on finalizing the budget details for this reorganization for the Final Budget. Discussion was held relative to the reorganization allowing for the possibility of the Human Services Director to provide grant writing assistance in the future.

CONSENT AGENDA

- CA-1 Approve the Statement of Purpose for the 2001 California State Fair Exhibit (Visitor's Bureau); Res. 01-221
- CA-2 Authorize the Chairman to Sign an Encroachment Permit for the Annual Labor Day Parade; and Authorize the Expenditures of Funds to Purchase Trophies for the Parade (\$850) (Board of Supervisors); Res. 01-222
- CA-3 Appoint Julia Richard to the Airport Advisory Committee (Supervisors Balmain and Stewart)
- CA-4 Approve a Resolution Recognizing Jan Mennig Upon His Retirement as Executive Director of the Mariposa Chamber of Commerce (Supervisor Balmain); Res. 01-216
- CA-5 Approve a Resolution Recognizing Tom Hoskins for His Outstanding Services as Hunter Valley Station 36 Fire Captain (Supervisor Balmain); Res. 01-217

3:14 p.m. Adjournment

Respectfully submitted,

MARGIE WILLIAMS
Clerk of the Board



MARIPOSA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

CONFORMED AGENDA AUGUST 7, 2001



Time Description
9:08 a.m. Meeting Called to Order
Pledge of Allegiance
Introductions

Public Presentations: For Non-Timed Agenda Items and for Items Not on the Agenda

- Lyle Turpin, Farm Bureau President, expressed concern with water issues. He noted the low flow of the rivers and stock water ponds and other surface water. He requested that a document be prepared addressing the history of the water situation in the County, the present status and that districts such as Mariposa Public Utility District, Lake Don Pedro and Merced Irrigation District, etc., be included, through the General Plan Update process. He also stated he feels this document should be updated every five years. Supervisor Balmain suggested that this be an element of the General Plan.

- Lyle Turpin provided input on another issue and referred to the loss of four firefighters in Washington recently and the investigation into the lack of use of water initially to fight the fire. He stated he feels that human life must take precedence over environmental issues, and he urged the Board to meet with Congressman Radanovich to address these issues.

- Jerry Lacayo, Mariposa Democratic Club, expressed concern with the alteration of their news story in the *Mariposa Gazette* on August 2, 2001. She stated she feels there is a problem with balanced coverage and common sense in the *Gazette*. She noted that several people were present who share her concern, and she requested that the County review its contract for legal advertising with the *Gazette* and take into consideration this incident. She also requested that someone try to find the truth in what happened in this incident – their Club submitted an article and several lines were added when it was published that are an embarrassment to them. She noted that the *Gazette* claims title to being the “official newspaper of Mariposa County,” and she feels this incident is not good promotion for the County.

- Rachel Oliver stated she quit reading the *Gazette* a long-time ago and doesn't purchase it because of fundamental reasons. However, she stated she is ashamed and feels this incident is a disgrace to the *Gazette*.

- Ralph Mendershausen stated he worked at the *Gazette* when the Campbell family ran it, and he could not imagine an incident like this occurring. He feels the content of the *Gazette* has changed since Marguerite Campbell's era at the paper. He would like to see the *Gazette* as a hometown paper, and he feels people need to get along and respect each other. The paper is a public record and he would like to see some balance.

- Doris Quinones stated she feels that they are in agreeance that the *Gazette* is not giving everyone a fair opportunity to express themselves, and she asked if the Board would look at the contract and contract with someone else.

- Doyle Correia stated he does get the *Gazette* to find out what is going on with the Board that he missed at the meeting.

- Discussion was held by the Board relative to the input provided. Supervisor Balmain stated the input from the public is appreciated, and he noted that the Board does not have authority over the newspaper. Supervisor Parker agreed, but suggested that a position be taken by the Board or individual members in regard to the request. Supervisor Reilly commented on the need to keep the integrity of information provided by the community; and she stated she feels it would be appropriate for the Board to make

a comment that members of the community expect the separation of editorials from information. Jeff Green, County Counsel, advised that the Board would need to waive the rules requiring 72 hours agenda noticing to take action on this matter. Supervisor Stewart requested that the matter be scheduled on an agenda if action is to be taken. Supervisor Pickard stated he would be agreeable with reviewing the contract.

9:50 a.m. Recess

10:01 a.m. Don Phillips, Treasurer/Tax Collector, was present for report by Eric Reynolds, Senior Vice President of Fiduciary Trust International of California, on the County's investment review as of June 30, 2001. Discussion was held.

10:16 a.m. Eric Toll, Planning Director;
General Plan Workshop: Review and Give General Direction to Staff Related to the Guiding Principles for the General Plan Update

BOARD ACTION: Eric Toll advised that at this stage in the process staff is trying to learn the Board's draft philosophy on various General Plan issues to proceed with the Update. Jeff Goldman, Principal Planner for Parsons, was present to assist with the issues.

Eric Toll advised of the Planning Commission's review of the Board's work on the Update, and of the Commission's request for arts and culture to be a separate element. Discussion was held relative to the Commission's request and the request from Lyle Turpin earlier this date relative to a water study document. Board members expressed support for having a separate element for arts and culture and for water. Supervisor Reilly stated she would like to see a criteria established and used for determining separate elements.

The Board discussed land use issues relative to defining density limits. Supervisor Parker stated he does not support making the County all five-acre minimums, and he feels costs to access utility lines will impact development. Supervisor Pickard stated he feels infrastructure is needed for dense development, such as town planning areas and major subdivisions. Supervisor Reilly stated she feels there is a need for a better mix of housing types and they should be in town planning areas; that the current parcel sizes should be reviewed in general; that cluster housing should be reviewed within the density standards, with a focus kept on the implication of the action taken. She also stated she feels the labor market and quality of life will be affected by the action taken. Supervisor Stewart commented on the separation of Merced and Mariposa Counties by the agriculture land.

11:12 a.m. Recess

11:28 a.m. Discussion was held relative to housing issues. Supervisor Pickard noted RCRC's first time homebuyer program, and stated he feels we should encourage ownership as much as possible. He feels ownership creates a certain atmosphere and a commitment to the property and community, and a sense of stability and pride. Supervisor Parker asked about the smaller lot/cluster housing ideas mentioned by staff. Eric Toll and Jeff Goldman presented examples of clustering housing and keeping a larger open space area. Discussion was held. Supervisor Pickard stated he would like to see this kept flexible and take into consideration the topographical and geological obstacles of the County. Barry Brouillette, speaking as a realtor, commented on the price and value of land, and he stated he does not feel that reducing the parcel size will result in a cheaper house. He stated he agrees with exploring the options and it could result in maximizing the use of parcels. He noted the value of open space and vistas.

Supervisor Pickard initiated discussion relative to design review and interpretation. Eric Toll stated he plans to have a design review specialist make a presentation to the Board and the public in the fall.

Further discussion on the General Plan Update was continued to August 21, 2001, at 9:00 a.m., and August 28, 2001, at 9:00 a.m.

Chairman Balmain initiated discussion relative to a tour of the proposed Silver Tip Lodge project in Fish Camp on August 24, 2001, being coordinated by Planning. Since a quorum of the Board plans to attend, this will be a continuation of the Board's meeting from August 21st. Eric Toll advised that the Fish Camp Town Planning Advisory Committee will hold a public meeting on August 25th to take public input on this project. Supervisor Reilly expressed concern with a Town Planning Advisory Committee holding a public hearing or having a publicly noticed meeting for a specific project. Discussion was held. Supervisor Reilly agreed with further discussing this issue when the issue of standardizing the town planning advisory committees is brought to the Board later this month.

12:15 p.m. Lunch

2:10 p.m. LOCAL TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

Jim Petropulos, Public Works Director;

PUBLIC HEARING: Presentation by Omni Means on the Regional Transportation Planning Process

COMMISSION ACTION: Paul Miller, consultant with Omni-Means, presented the staff report. Chair Reilly noted that the hearing is on the process versus the Plan. Paul Miller, Jim Petropulos and Amy Roberts/PWD-Transportation Planner, responded to questions from the Commission relative to performance review by CalTrans; availability of consultant services for promoting specific projects; inclusion of the Darrah Road/Highway 49 South left-turn lane project in the Plan; utilization of a consultant versus staff to prepare the Plan; status of incorporating comments made by Planning and Public Works; and the public comment process.

Public portion of the hearing was opened. There was no public comment. Public portion of the hearing was closed. Amy Roberts advised that the public comment period officially closes on Friday. Staff responded to additional questions from the Commission relative to being able to make future amendments/changes to the Plan; and relative to the quantitative portion of the Plan. No action was necessary. Hearing was closed.

Commissioner Stewart advised that he attended a YARTS meeting on Monday in Mammoth and there was some great news about YARTS and its progress – there has been an increase in ridership, including some runs that were not anticipated. He advised that the subsidy from the Park is ceasing and staff is looking at options.

2:41 p.m. Marita Green, Child Support Services Director;

A) Proclaim the Month of August, 2001 as “Child Support Awareness Month”; and

B) Resolution and Plaque Recognizing Jeanette Paquette for Her Outstanding Service Upon Her Retirement from the Mariposa County Family Support Division

BOARD ACTION: (M)Pickard, (S)Reilly, proclamation was approved; and Res. 01-226 was adopted recognizing Jeanette Paquette/Ayes: Unanimous. The proclamation was presented to Marita Green. Marita Green advised that the Department is planning a booth at the Fair. The resolution and plaque were presented to Jeanette Paquette.

Authorize the Director of Child Support Services to Sign an Amendment to the Plan of Cooperation Between the California Department of Child Support Services and the County Department of Child Support Services (County Counsel)

BOARD ACTION: (M)Pickard, (S)Parker, Res. 01-227 adopted/Ayes: Unanimous.

2:49 p.m. Recess

3:05 p.m. Board Information:

- Supervisor Stewart advised that a Broadband Task Force meeting is scheduled for August 15th in Modesto.

- Supervisor Pickard advised that he attended the Area 12 Agency on Aging meeting on Thursday in Markleeville.

- Supervisor Parker commented on the receipt of a letter from Bruce Thiesen, Interim Secretary of California Department of Veterans Affairs relative to current statistics concerning the successful operations and accomplishments of the County Veterans Service Officer. He requested that the Chairman send a copy to the Veterans Service Officer congratulating him on a successful program, and requested that this information be posted and included with correspondence sent to the veterans. Board concurred and direction was given for the County Administrative Officer to handle this request.

Approval of Minutes 7/17/01 and 7/24/01 Regular Meetings

BOARD ACTION: Approved.

Approval of Consent Agenda (See End of Minutes)

BOARD ACTION: Supervisor Parker pulled item 2. (M)Reilly, (S)Parker, balance of items were approved/Ayes: Unanimous. Following discussion, (M)Parker, (S)Stewart, item 2 was approved, with direction for future agreements to come to the Board/Ayes: Unanimous.

Jim Petropulos, Public Works Director;

A) Authorize the Public Works Director to Waive the Formal Bid Requirements and Purchase Prior to Final Budget Approval, One Undercover Vehicle Based on Informal Dealer Bids and Immediate Availability

BOARD ACTION: Item was pulled at the request of Public Works.

B) Authorize the Public Works Director to Apply for a Waste Tire Education and Amnesty Grant from the California Waste Management Board

BOARD ACTION: Following discussion, (M)Stewart, (S)Parker, Res. 01-232 adopted/Ayes: Unanimous.

Supervisors Balmain and Pickard;

Direct Staff to Negotiate with the Current Providers of the Indigent Legal Services in Mariposa County for a New Long-Term Agreement

BOARD ACTION: (M)Parker, (S)Pickard, direction was given as requested/Ayes: Unanimous.

Robert Lowrimore, Assessor-Recorder;

Information Relative to an Overpayment of Property Taxes and Refund (\$22,177.52)

BOARD ACTION: Bob Lowrimore provided information. No action was necessary.

Authorize the Appointment of Gary Clinkenbeard as Interim Facilities Maintenance Manager Effective July 1, 2001 (Personnel)

BOARD ACTION: Following discussion, (M)Pickard, (S)Stewart, Res. 01-233 adopted/Ayes: Unanimous.

Presentation of County Administrative Officer's Recommended Budget 2001-2002
(County Administrative Officer)

BOARD ACTION: Greg Iturria, County Administrative Officer, advised that budget hearing will commence on September 10th, and that this information is being distributed to the departments today. A hearing schedule is being prepared and will be distributed shortly.

INFORMATION – No action was necessary on the following:
Information Hearing Schedule (Clerk of the Board)

CONSENT AGENDA

- CA-1 Authorize the Augmentation of \$86,336 for the Mariposa County Victim Witness Program Office of Criminal Justice Planning 2001/2002 Grant Year (District Attorney); Res. 01-228
- CA-2 Authorize the Continuation of the Contract Between the County of Mariposa and the California Mental Health Directors Association (CMDA) (Human Services); Res. 01-231, with direction for future agreements to come to the Board
- CA-3 Approve the Road Name Alamo Creek Road (Planning); Res. 01-229
- CA-4 Approve the Removal of the Flex Schedule for the Office Assistant II Position Assigned to the Board of Supervisors and Direct a Work Schedule of Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. to be Established (Administration); Res. 01-230
- CA-5 Accept the Resignation of Don Pucilowski from the Mariposa County Planning Commission (Supervisor Balmain)
- CA-6 Appoint Lyle Turpin to the Mariposa County Planning Commission (Supervisor Balmain)
- CA-7 Appoint Paul G. Theiss to the Mariposa County Mental Health Board (Supervisor Parker)

3:29 p.m. Adjournment in memory of Wilma Parker, Gertrude J. Davis, and John "Jack" Ritter.

Respectfully submitted,

MARGIE WILLIAMS
Clerk of the Board



MARIPOSA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

CONFORMED AGENDA AUGUST 14, 2001



Time Description

9:11 a.m. Meeting Called to Order
Pledge of Allegiance

Introductions –

Bob Bartholomew, School Board Member, introduced Patrick Holland, the new Mariposa County Unified School District Superintendent. Chairman Balmain advised that the Board has discussed having a joint meeting with the School Board in the future relative to the General Plan Update and planning for the future. Supervisor Pickard commented on Superintendent Holland's background.

Public Presentations: For Non-Timed Agenda Items and for Items Not on the Agenda

- Pelk Richards, Sheriff, advised of an off-agenda request to submit a grant application to the Department of Boating and Waterways to repair a boating safety vessel, and he advised that the deadline to submit the application is this Friday. They lost the outdrive in the vessel and it is no longer being manufactured, so the complete system needs to be replaced. No County match is required for the grant. (M)Pickard, (S)Stewart, Board waived rules requiring 72 hours agenda noticing to consider this request, finding the matter was not known about at the time the agenda was prepared and it is a matter of timeliness as the grant application needs to be submitted prior to the next meeting/Ayes: Unanimous. Following discussion, (M)Parker, (S)Pickard, Res. 01-234 adopted approving the submittal of the grant application as requested/Ayes: Unanimous.

- Supervisor Pickard noted that Blaine Shultz, Fire Chief, and his staff were present. He commended the Chief for the letter received from Tom Rios, Incident Management Team Supervisor for the Briceburg Fire, which thanked the Chief for his excellent work. Chief Shultz commented on the commitment of the Department for eleven days to this fire – there were 45 County firefighters and 2,180 hours that they spent on this fire, and the Department was able to maintain protection for the community. Chief Shultz also thanked Mark Rowney/MPUD, the Sheriff's Department, PWD/Fleet Maintenance staff, and his entire volunteer staff. He advised of two fires in the County that occurred on Sunday – one in Coulterville and one in Hunters Valley. Board members recognized the dedication of the volunteers.

- Doyle Correia commented on the vacancy in the front desk position for the Board/ Administration/County Counsel functions, and he stated he would like to see the position filled.

- Dair Gordon advised he is a part of the group that opposes Grupe's request for a special deer hunt on their ranch. He commented on their efforts with the Department of Fish and Game on this matter and asked for the Board's assistance with these issues.

Board Information

- Supervisor Pickard advised of a informational meeting Assemblyman Cogdill hosted at the Fish and Game Hall last Tuesday evening to discuss the Land Management Plan submitted by the Grupe ranch for a special hunt. He advised that Fish and Game agreed that they need a better process for processing these applications. Draft legislation

will be prepared to better define the process. Currently the notification is left up to the applicant, and in this particular situation there were property owners that were not notified of the application and that did not receive the proper information. He noted that wild pig issues were also discussed. He advised that he will be in Sacramento the rest of this week to attend an RCRC meeting, to work on the co-compost legislation which is set to be heard by the Environmental Quality Committee on Monday, and to attend a State League Policy Committee meeting at the Department of Agriculture relative to the weed management areas on Friday. He also noted that he plans to attend a meeting in Wawona on Saturday to discuss the General Plan Update.

- Supervisor Stewart commented on Fish and Game issues.

- Greg Iturria, County Administrative Officer, advised that the Auditor has been calculating the closeout for last fiscal year's books and it appears that there will be a higher fund balance than originally projected – more information will be available in the next week or so.

Approval of Minutes 7-23-01 Regular Meeting

BOARD ACTION: Approved.

Approval of Consent Agenda (See End of Minutes)

BOARD ACTION: (M)Pickard, (S)Reilly, approved/Ayes: Unanimous.

Dr. Mosher, Public Health Director;

A) Approve a Variance from Statutory Setback Distance of 100 Feet between Well and Septic Leach Field in APN 006-160-046; Roseme, Applicant; and

B) Approve a Variance from Statutory Setback Distance of 100 Feet between Well and Septic Leach Field for APN 006-160-019; Ballerini, Applicant

BOARD ACTION: Dr. Mosher advised that Dave Conway/Sanitarian, Mike Flynn/Geotechnical Research & Development, Linda Ballerini/applicant, and Sarah Williams/Planning Manager, were present to respond to questions. He also requested that the action include direction to staff to file a notice of exemption from CEQA requirements for each of these projects. Discussion was held relative to the process and requirements. Mike Flynn provided input relative to the requirement for a 100-foot seal on the well. Supervisor Pickard stated he wanted the record to reflect that this action is taken pursuant to a request by the National Park Service and the property owner in order for the National Park Service to sign-off on the Special Use Permit to install a well and septic for each of these projects. (M)Reilly, (S)Stewart, Res. 01-235 adopted approving Variance as recommended for Roseme; and Res. 01-236 adopted approving Variance as recommended for Ballerini; with direction for staff to file a notice of exemption from CEQA requirements for each of these projects/Ayes: Unanimous.

Jim Archer, Coordinator of the Mariposa Local Child Care Planning Council and Sue Overstreet, Consultant;

Presentation of Strategic Plan for the Mariposa Local Child Care Planning Council

BOARD ACTION: Following discussion with Jim Archer and Sue Overstreet, (M)Reilly, (S)Parker, Res. 01-237 adopted approving the 2001-2004 Strategic Plan as presented/Ayes: Unanimous.

Dana Hertfelder, Assistant Public Works Director, and Kent Woolsey, PWD/Road Superintendent, appeared on behalf of Jim Petropulos, Public Works Director; Authorize Public Works to Advertise Project No. PW 99-02, the Jerseydale Reconstruction Project, and Award the Bid and Contract to the Lowest Responsible

Bidder Subject to County Counsel and the County Administrative Officer's Review and Approval

BOARD ACTION: Discussion was held with Dana Hertfelder. Jeff Green, County Counsel, advised that action is also necessary to approve the plans and specifications for the project. (M)Reilly, (S)Parker, Res. 01-238 adopted approving the recommended action, including approval of the plans and specifications/Ayes: Unanimous.

10:10 a.m. Recess

10:24 a.m. Don Cripe, Agriculture Commissioner/Sealer;
Presentation of the 2000 Mariposa County Agricultural Crop Report

BOARD ACTION: Don Cripe presented the report and responded to questions.

CONSENT AGENDA

CA-1 **HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE COUNTY OF MARIPOSA**
Authorize the Chairman to Sign the Annual Section 8 Management
Assessment Program (SEMAP) Report (Human Services); Hous. Auth. Res.
01-4

10:42 a.m. Adjournment in memory of Ralph E. Grey and Cleo Elliott (Assemblyman Cogdill's mother-in-law).

Respectfully submitted,

MARGIE WILLIAMS,
Clerk of the Board



MARIPOSA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

CONFORMED AGENDA AUGUST 21, 2001



<u>Time</u>	<u>Description</u>
<u>9:08 a.m.</u>	Meeting Called to Order with Supervisors Stewart and Pickard arriving at 9:13 a.m.

Pledge of Allegiance
Introductions

Public Presentations: For Non-Timed Agenda Items and for Items Not on the Agenda

- Kevin Smith, California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection Battalion Chief, gave an update on the Blacks Creek Fire burning on the North side of the County. He advised that current burned acreage is about 10,265, with 6-7,000 acres in Mariposa County and the remainder in Tuolumne County. Thus far, only three residential structures and one outbuilding have been lost and they are in Tuolumne County. Yesterday, the fire became the No. 1 priority of nine major fires burning in the State. He also advised of two separate fires that started in the North Fork area on Monday.
- Doyle Correia referenced the California State Constitution, noting the original started with fourteen pages and the current document is lengthy, in relation to the General Plan Update document. He stated he would like to see it more clearly determined as to what is intended for the future in the General Plan. He cited different interpretations of arts and culture as an example. He stated he feels we need to be able to look into the future when preparing the document so that it will be interpreted properly as to what was intended.
- Supervisor Pickard advised that he has an off-agenda request relative to appointments to the Fish Camp Community Planning Advisory Council – matter to be considered this afternoon.

Eric Toll, Planning Director;

General Plan Workshop: Review and Give General Direction to Staff Related to the Guiding Principles for the General Plan Update (Continued from 8/7/01)

BOARD ACTION: Eric Toll advised that the topics for discussion today include issues relative to the Board's philosophy and direction on economy and a presentation and discussion of options for flexible development. Staff will collect the data and information provided for the Board showing the options and opportunities related to the Board's philosophy on these issues for the Board to provide more specific direction. Jeff Goldman, Parsons Principle Planner, was present to assist with the issues and to take notes on the input provided.

Discussion was held relative to economy issues for the short-term, intermediate and long-term; and what diversification means to the Board members. Discussion included the following issues: housing, infrastructure, circulation, identification of areas for development, development of and defining a diverse economy, tourism base, growth rate, County service needs and resources, the Open Window Period process project, "connectability" to the Valley, preservation of the agriculture economy, independent versus dependent districts, development of existing subdivisions, retention of the rural lifestyle, development of public lands in the County, and developing services and supplies within the County to meet the needs of the residents. Eric Toll noted the Board may want to further discuss the following issues that were raised: what do we want our regional involvement to be, and to what extent do we want to develop connectability.

10:26 a.m. Recess

10:43 a.m. Discussion was held relative to the County's role in economic development; relative to the UC Merced impacts on the County; relative to encouraging Land Conservation Contracts and agri-business related activities; and relative to taking into consideration private property rights when making decisions on these issues.

Chairman Balmain advised of news that was just received relative to the evacuation of Smith Station and Greeley Hill due to the Blacks Creek Fire. Greg Iturria, County Administrative Officer, advised of the specific roads that are involved in the evacuation.

Eric Toll advised that the discussion of flexible development could be held for another meeting. Supervisor Reilly requested that discussion be held relative to the changes in commute distances; further discussion relative to UC Merced and discussion relative to home businesses.

11:29 a.m. Lunch

2:11 p.m. Board reconvened with Supervisor Balmain excused due to the fire emergency on the Northside. Greg Iturria, County Administrative Officer, provided an update on the Blacks Creek Fire – evacuations are taking place in the Cuneo Road area. They are gathering at the Greeley Hill Market and shelter is available at the Coulterville Community Center.

Approval of Minutes 8-7-01 Regular Meeting

BOARD ACTION: Approved.

Board Information

- Supervisor Pickard advised of his meetings in Sacramento last week with RCRC and relative to AB1400 (funding for the co-compost project), and he advised that this will be a two-year bill. He advised that he plans to attend the Yosemite-Sequoia Resource and Conservation Development Area meeting in Tulare on Wednesday.
- Other information items were continued to later this date.

Pelk Richards, Sheriff;

Outline of Sheriff's Proposal for Funds Received from the California Law Enforcement Equipment Program (CLEEP) and the Rural County Crime Prevention Act of 2001

BOARD ACTION: Pelk Richards presented an outline of his proposal, with more detailed information and the allocation of funds to be considered during the Final Budget hearings for the following programs: (Proposed funding is recommended to be from the CLEEP and the Rural County Crime Prevention Act of 2001, unless otherwise noted.)

photo module, with funding recommended to come from the Cal ID Jail Enhancement Program;
warrant interface, with funding recommended to come from a trust account that collects fees imposed by the Court relative to warrants;
investigation;
professional standards;
transportation/vehicles;
integrated evidence system/bar coding;
countywide emergency notification system/reverse 9-1-1 system, with funding recommended to come from CLET/technical dollars received from the State; and
human resources enhancements (it is hoped that ongoing funding will be available for future years).

Pelk Richards noted that the total cost of the proposal is \$665,000, and no General Fund dollars are requested. He also noted that several members of his department and

citizens were present in support of the proposal, and that several staff members could not be present due to the fire emergency. He also noted the possibility of earmarking a portion of the funds for other programs.

2:44 p.m. Recess

2:50 p.m. Approval of Consent Agenda (See End of Minutes)

BOARD ACTION: (M)Parker, (S)Pickard, all items were approved/Ayes: Reilly, Stewart, Parker, Pickard; Excused: Balmain.

Eric Toll, Planning Director;

Discuss and Give Direction to Staff Regarding Appointments to Citizen Planning Advisory Committees and Updating Terms for Appointments

BOARD ACTION: Discussion was held relative to the request, and Board members requested that the document allow for flexibility in the membership numbers.

Supervisor Parker stated he would be agreeable with the request to form a new Mariposa committee, but he feels it should be held until after projects are completed. It was agreed that this issue would come back after the first of the year for consideration of further direction in context with the status of the workload of the department.

Supervisor Reilly requested that discussion be held concerning the role and scope of the committee when the draft document is brought back to establish uniformity with the planning committees. Supervisor Stewart requested that it be made clear in the document that appointments are made by the Board, and that the staff process be clear relative to responsibility for preparing appointment and resignation items. Staff will bring back a draft document for further consideration. Supervisor Reilly requested an update on the status of membership on all of the committees, a review of the purpose of each committee, and assignment of committees to departments. Clerk of the Board to prepare this information for review by the Board after the first of the year.

Supervisor Pickard advised of an off-agenda item relative to appointments to the Fish Camp Community Planning Advisory Council. He advised that a meeting of the Council is scheduled for Saturday. Eric Toll, Planning Director, advised that the vacancy has been posted in accordance with the Maddy Act, and that paperwork was prepared to place this item on this agenda; however, for unknown reasons it did not reach the Clerk's office. (M)Pickard, (S)Parker, Board waived rules requiring 72 hours agenda noticing to consider this matter based on information provided/Ayes: Reilly, Stewart, Parker, Pickard; Excused: Balmain. (M)Pickard, (S)Parker, Ray Standley was reappointed and Val Hardcastle was appointed to the Fish Camp Community Planning Advisory Council/Ayes: Reilly, Stewart, Parker, Pickard; Excused: Balmain.

Jim Petropulos, Public Works Director;

A) Presentation and Discussion of the Living History Project and Plaque at the Catheys Valley County Park

BOARD ACTION: Betty McRee presented the request for placing a historical monument at the Catheys Valley Park, and she advised of funding that they have raised for this project. Caroline Korn presented the request for placing historical murals on the exterior of McCay Hall. Discussion was held relative to the requests, County costs and future maintenance. Board concurred with approving and proceeding with the requests. Supervisor Parker asked how determinations would be made as to what information would be included in the displays, and he stated he does not want to see a situation develop where the Board is asked to resolve problems in the future.

3:40 p.m. Recess

3:49 p.m. B) Presentation by Staff Regarding Status of the History Center Vault Capital Improvement Project

BOARD ACTION: Don Weston, Mariposa Museum and History Center President, provided a status report on the vault project, including updated cost estimates and the status of available funding. He noted that they are also pursuing grants from foundations. Discussion was held. Don also advised of the receipt of documents from the vault at the Court, and he said the History Center is indexing all of the files and he will submit a copy to the Board. County Administrative Officer to review whether any funding is available through the Court system for this project. Supervisor Parker requested that the project be coordinated with Planning and Building.

C) Authorize the Public Works Director to Proceed with the Next Step of the Mariposa/Yosemite Airport T-Hangar Project

BOARD ACTION: Discussion was held with Jim Petropulos. Maria Liddle, Airport Operations Supervisor, commented on the waiting list for hangars. Supervisor Parker asked that staff review the financing for the previous project in context with this project; and he requested that it be made clear that this project is a stand-alone project in terms of being self-supporting, that Airport operations are not intended to support this project. (M)Pickard, (S)Reilly, Res. 01-240 adopted approving solicitation of bid proposals, authorization to continue the application process for a loan from CalTrans Aeronautics Division, and authorization to award the bid subject to availability of funds, as recommended/Ayes: Reilly, Stewart, Parker, Pickard; Excused: Balmain. Supervisor Reilly acknowledged Maria Liddle for her work and the recent letter of commendation that was received for her assistance in an incident.

D) Adopt a Resolution of Intention of Summary Abandonment of a Portion of Henness Circle, a Dedicated Street within Yosemite West Unit I Subdivision

BOARD ACTION: Item was pulled by Public Works, to be rescheduled.

Jim Petropulos, Public Works Director, advised of an off-agenda request to approve drilling of a monitoring well on County property at the road yard on Ben Hur Road. He advised that this is part of the ongoing investigation by the State, and Bartlett Petroleum has been ordered to drill additional monitoring wells to determine the source of contamination of MTBE (gasoline additive). He advised that they were notified of this matter on Monday and drilling is scheduled to occur next Tuesday. Jeff Green, County Counsel, advised of information he received from Dr. Mosher relative to processing the application for this project – if the drilling is rescheduled, it could delay the project by a month. (M)Parker, (S)Reilly, Board waived rules requiring 72 hours agenda noticing to consider this matter, finding it was not known about at the time the agenda was prepared and it is a matter of timeliness based on the explanations given/Ayes: Reilly, Stewart, Parker, Pickard; Excused: Balmain. (M)Parker, (S)Reilly, Res. 01-241 adopted approving the request to drill the monitoring well on County property. Further discussion was held. Ayes: Reilly, Stewart, Parker, Pickard; Excused: Balmain.

Jeff Green, County Counsel;

Adopt a Resolution Revising the Information Systems Specialist Class Specifications and Increasing the Salary to Range 261 (\$3,465 - \$4,212)

BOARD ACTION: Following discussion, (M)Pickard, (S)Parker, Res. 01-242 adopted/Ayes: Reilly, Stewart, Parker, Pickard; Excused: Balmain.

Approve the Appointment of Cheryle Rutherford-Kelly as Mental Health Director (County Counsel/Interim Personnel Director)

BOARD ACTION: (M)Pickard, (S)Reilly, Res. 01-243 adopted. Supervisor Parker stated for the record, that as a Board member, he has lost confidence in the Director and

does not wish to approve her appointment. Ayes: Reilly, Stewart, Pickard; Noes: Parker; Excused: Balmain.

Adopt New Merit System Service Class Specifications Relating to the Child Support Services Department; Allocate Certain Class Specs to Child Support Services; and Rescind or Unallocate Existing Class Specifications (County Counsel)

BOARD ACTION: Discussion was held with Jeff Green, County Counsel/Interim Personnel Director, relative to the request. Jeff advised that a flex schedule is being added for some of the positions and some of the class specifications include salary increases, and that the changes are requested to be effective September 1, 2001. (M)Pickard, (S)Parker, Res. 01-244 adopted/Ayes: Reilly, Stewart, Parker, Pickard; Excused: Balmain.

Adopt a Resolution Designating Three County Officials and Authorize their Signatures for Authority to Direct the Transfer of the Tobacco Settlement Funds on Behalf of Mariposa County (County Administrative Officer)

BOARD ACTION: Following discussion, (M)Parker, (S)Pickard, Res. 01-245 adopted/Ayes: Reilly, Stewart, Parker, Pickard; Excused: Balmain.

Greg Iturria, County Administrative Officer, advised that an item has been scheduled on the next agenda to hold an evening meeting for presentation of the Parks and Recreation Master Plan. Discussion was continued to after the following recess.

4:48 p.m. Recess

4:50 p.m. Discussion was held relative to scheduling the presentation of the Parks and Recreation Master Plan. Board concurred with scheduling the presentation on September 4, 2001, at 5:30 p.m., and with commencing the meeting at 10:45 a.m.

Greg Iturria initiated discussion relative to revising the final budget hearing schedule. Board concurred with starting the hearing on Tuesday, September 11th versus September 10th, with hearing continuing to September 12 and 13th, and the 14th, if necessary.

CONSENT AGENDA

CA-1 Authorize the Chairman to Sign an Order of the Board to Reject Claim No. CO1-5 in the Amount of \$50,000 (County Counsel); Res. 01-239

CA-2 Appoint Brian Brouhard to Replace Rich Roesch as Representative for Mercy Ambulance on the Emergency Medical Care Committee (Public Health)

5:05 p.m. Board recessed in memory of Esther Anderson and Joan Wickham, and continued the meeting to Friday, September 24, 2001, at 1:30 p.m. for a tour of the proposed Silver Tip project in Fish Camp.

Respectfully submitted,

MARGIE WILLIAMS
Clerk of the Board



MARIPOSA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

**CONFORMED AGENDA
AUGUST 24, 2001**

(Continued from August 21, 2001)



1:37 p.m. Board met in continued session from August 21, 2001, at the end of Fish Camp Lane in Fish Camp for a tour of the proposed Silver Tip Lodge project, with Supervisors Reilly and Parker excused.

The following Planning Commissioners were present: Leroy Radanovich, Susan Crain, Bob Rudzik, Lyle Turpin and Gary Colliver, and called their meeting to order. Ted Aldershof, Chairman of the Fish Camp Community Planning Advisory Council, called their meeting to order with a quorum of their members present.

Eric Toll, Planning Director, advised that the tour of the proposed Silver Tip Lodge project in Fish Camp has been scheduled as a part of the environmental review process, and that this meeting is for information only – that the Board members, Commissioners and Council members may ask questions. However, all public questions and comments should be held until the meeting scheduled for Saturday, August 25, 2001. He further advised that the tour will give an opportunity for officials to see the proposed site.

Gene Smith, Project Manager, led the tour and advised of the proposed location of improvements for the Silver Tip Lodge project.

3:11 p.m. The Council recessed and continued its meeting to August 25, 2001; the Commission and the Board adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

MARGIE WILLIAMS
Clerk of the Board



MARIPOSA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

CONFORMED AGENDA August 28, 2001



Time Description

9:11 a.m. Meeting Called to Order
Pledge of Allegiance

Introductions – Chairman Balmain noted that CHP Lieutenant Paris was present.

Public Presentations: For Non-Timed Agenda Items and for Items Not on the Agenda

- Kirk Helland stated he owns a home in Wawona and Fish Camp and he commented on his efforts to find out about a park in Wawona, and he suggested that some of the funding be sent to Fish Camp. He referred to the meeting held in Fish Camp on Saturday relative to the proposed Silver Tip Lodge project, and he urged all members of the Board to attend all public hearings due to the extreme controversy and significance of this project.

- Doyle Correia stated he feels red and green lights should be used in the Board hearing room to signal to the audience when input can be provided. He also suggested that speakers be installed in the hall and restrooms. He referred to the Anti-Trust Act and stated he feels that, as the President had the duty of leading Congress to implement a policy of economic benefit to the people, that is what he feels the General Plan should do for the County.

- Eric Toll, Planning Director, advised that he recently received two separate environmental impact review documents for the UC Merced, one is for the campus and one is for the community. He advised of timelines for responding (deadline is September 27, 2001) and of general guidelines for timelines for these processes, and he requested direction from the Board relative to providing a response. Discussion was held concerning this matter and relative to requesting that LaPaloma Road be addressed in the report. Board concurred with having Planning staff prepare a letter for the Chairman's signature to the Chair of the Merced County Board of Supervisors and to the Planning Department of UC Merced requesting an extension of time to respond to the reports.

- Supervisor Reilly asked for clarification of the public process for the proposed Silver Tip Lodge project – she stated she feels there is a lack of understanding about the process and how it will proceed and that information needs to be gotten out to the public. Supervisor Pickard commented on the meeting held on Saturday in Fish Camp, and he requested that County Counsel be present at all future meetings. Eric Toll advised that he and Supervisor Pickard held two community meetings to explain the process to the community and to get their input on the process – which resulted in the ninety-day comment period. He advised that the process is also posted on their web page. Supervisor Parker commented on the process and advised that he does not plan to attend public meetings, he will wait to attend the public hearing that is scheduled before the Board. Supervisor Stewart advised that he attended the tour to get a better picture of the proposed project; and in the future, he plans to only attend public meetings with the Board on this project. Supervisor Reilly noted the need for advance planning to coordinate scheduling of meetings and hearings for this project, as this will involve several departments and staff. She stated she feels more discussion and fine-tuning is needed.

- Supervisor Balmain provided statistics on the Blacks Creek Fire: 11,095 acres were burned; 43 structures were burned and this included 13 residences, cost is 1.7 million dollars and the fire was caused by arson.

Eric Toll, Planning Director;

General Plan Workshop: Review and Give General Direction to Staff Related to the Guiding Principles for the General Plan Update (Continued from 8/21/01)

BOARD ACTION: Andy Hauge, Parsons Vice-President, was present. Eric Toll advised that the topic of discussion is the relationship of land use, economy and circulation. He presented a map showing areas of the County where slopes are generally over fifteen percent, and he noted that these areas tend to be less developable. Roughly, it would leave about eighteen percent of the County's total land area available for development, and that is where the policies of the General Plan can be focused. He added that the map is very general and not parcel specific. Discussion was held. Supervisor Stewart stated he feels that water availability and sewage infrastructure will also control growth.

Eric Toll presented a second map reflecting conceptual land use and connectivity to valley locations. Again, he advised that the map is very general and not parcel specific. Discussion was held, and it was suggested that another category of use be considered for local/service mix for some of the communities. Supervisor Parker suggested that more discussion be scheduled relative to projected population growth. Discussion was held relative to establishing criteria for levels of service to be provided outside of town planning areas, and encouraging growth in developed areas. Eric Toll advised of his meetings with representatives from Housing and Community Development on housing issues for the County. Board members expressed the need to balance growth and maintain community characteristics and agriculture.

10:29 a.m. Recess

10:45 a.m. Eric Toll clarified an issue that was raised relative to payment for the environmental review report for the Silver Tip Lodge project, and he advised that all public costs associated with the project are paid by the developer.

Further discussion was held relative to housing issues. It was noted that the economy plays a big part with housing and policies. Supervisor Reilly stated she feels we need data and analysis so that the assumptions are made clear. Eric Toll noted that future increases in population could result in changes with reapportionment, and that might affect service delivery such as with the hospital and schools.

Discussion was held relative to the UC Merced impacts and whether the Board wants to take a proactive approach to making development opportunity available to UC Merced related development. Supervisor Reilly stated she feels the focus should be planning for good communities and for commercial development. Supervisor Stewart initiated discussion relative to the future of Hornitos with the UC Merced, the existing lack of infrastructure, and retention of the historical aspects. It was agreed that this issue needs to be further reviewed and will depend on the future of LaPaloma Road.

Discussion was held relative to bedroom county impacts. Eric Toll advised that he will bring back a couple of scenarios for the Board's review.

The flexible development topic was continued to be rescheduled. Discussion was held relative to scheduling future General Plan workshops. It was agreed to schedule the following dates: September 18th at 2:00 p.m. and September 25th at 9:00 a.m.

Eric Toll, Planning Director, advised that the next formal process for the Silver Tip Lodge project is a public hearing before the Planning Commission at Camp Green

Meadows in Fish Camp on September 15, 2001, and in Mariposa on September 21, 2001, with the comment period closing on October 1, 2001. Supervisor Pickard requested that the public hearing before the Board be scheduled on a Tuesday in Fish Camp. Further consideration to be given to scheduling the hearing before the Board.

Approval of Minutes 8-14-01 Regular Meeting

BOARD ACTION: Approved.

Greg Iturria, County Administrative Officer;
Resolution Directing that the Meeting for September 4, 2001, Commence at 10:45 a.m. to Accommodate the Scheduling of an Evening Administrative Practice Session for a Presentation on the Mariposa County Parks and Recreation Master Plan at 5:30 p.m.

BOARD ACTION: (M)Pickard, (S)Stewart, Res. 01-246 adopted/Ayes: Unanimous.

Pelk Richards, Sheriff;

Authorize the County Administrative Officer to Execute the Bureau of Justice Grant Award for FY 2002-2003 (\$46,149 with Required Match of \$5,128)

BOARD ACTION: Item was moved from the afternoon agenda and the Sheriff was not present. (M)Parker, (S)Pickard, Res. 01-247 adopted/Ayes: Unanimous.

11:46 a.m. Recess

11:47 a.m. Cheryle Rutherford-Kelly, Human Service Director;
Accept \$5,014 in Department of the Energy (DOE) Funding (\$4,407) Budgeted for the Current Fiscal Year from the Department of Community Services and Development, Agreement Number 01C-1370; Direct the Auditor to Increase the Community Action Programs Budget, Fund 335 by \$607; Authorize the Human Services Director to Coordinate with the Public Works Department; and Authorize the Human Services Director to Execute Subsequent Amendments to this Agreement with the State Department of Community Services and Development

BOARD ACTION: Item was moved from the afternoon agenda and the Human Services Director was not present. (M)Pickard, (S)Reilly, Res. 01-248 adopted/Ayes: Reilly, Balmain, Stewart, Pickard; Abstained: Parker.

11:48 a.m. Lunch

2:19 p.m. Board Information

- Supervisor Parker referred to correspondence that he received from the Methodist Church and from Mariposa Public Utility District and stated he feels a Space Needs Committee meeting should be held, and that consideration should be given to asking LAFCo to review the sphere of influence for MPUD. He also passed around photographs of a skate park in Carson Valley.

- Greg Iturria, County Administrative Officer, advised of a request received from Assemblyman Cogdill asking for support of ACA 10, a proposition for the elimination of ERAF. Since the Board had previously taken action on the ERAF issue, it concurred with having the Chairman sign a letter supporting ACA 10. Greg advised of a request received from Regional Council of Rural Counties (RCRC) for the County's legislative proposals and policy information for inclusion in their legislative platform. Board concurred with advising RCRC that the County will submit its legislative platform after it is prepared later this fall. Supervisor Balmain stated he hopes that RCRC does not support Bill No. 540 relative to private timber. Supervisor Pickard commented on the status of that legislation.

2:26 p.m. LOCAL TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

Jim Petropulos, Public Works Director;

Adopt the Regional Transportation Plan

COMMISSION ACTION: Jim Petropulos advised that the contractor/consultant is finalizing the Regional Transportation Plan and adoption will be rescheduled later in September. He noted that he is not happy with the performance of the contractor in the preparation of the Plan, and that a portion of payment has been withheld until the performance is satisfactory. Discussion was held relative to preparation of the Plan. Public Works to review the performance issue with County Counsel and bring the matter back with a recommendation. Supervisor Pickard asked about the status of preparation of the bicycle plan by this contractor and was advised that it is not done.

2:34 p.m. Greg Iturria, County Administrative Officer;

PUBLIC HEARING: Discussion and Direction to Staff Regarding Keeping the Existing Supervisorial Districts

BOARD ACTION: Greg Iturria presented the staff report.

Public portion of the hearing was opened and input was provided by the following:

Ruth Sellers, Mykleoaks subdivision, asked for reconsideration of being restored to District III or IV. She feels that those in District II south of the River, are in a bad situation, and she feels it is difficult for Supervisor Balmain to cover all of the area. She feels they deserve closer representation.

Chairman Balmain noted that letters were received from the following, and they were entered into the record: Marylou Tiner requesting that Mykleoaks be placed in either District III or IV, and Joan Conlan and Holly Warner requesting that the portion of Colorado Road in Midpines be restored to District I versus District II.

Public portion of the hearing was closed and the Board commenced with deliberations. Staff responded to questions from the Board as to what is involved to change boundaries as requested by citizens and the impacts it could have on the County as a whole; relative to use of population figures versus geographic locations to determine boundaries; and relative to the timeframes and hearing process. Motion by Pickard to direct staff to come back with the existing boundary recommendation for the hearing on September 18th, died for lack of a second. Jeff Green, County Counsel, responded to a question from the Board and advised that no action at this time or further direction to staff, will result in staff bringing back the existing boundary recommendation. No action was taken. Hearing was closed.

3:02 p.m. Adjournment in memory of Eiko Bingo Cramer and Vera Whiteley.

Respectfully submitted,

MARGIE WILLIAMS
Clerk of the Board



MARIPOSA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

CONFORMED AGENDA September 4, 2001



Time Description

10:52 a.m. Meeting Called to Order
Pledge of Allegiance
Introductions

Supervisor Pickard;
Presentation of Certificate of Appreciation to Brandon Pearce for National Airman of the Year Award

BOARD ACTION: (M)Pickard, (S)Stewart, Certificate was approved and presented to Stan and Judy Pearce, Brandon's parents/Ayes: Unanimous. Stan advised that Brandon was unable to be present and that he has been making flights over Yosemite to drop fire retardant.

Supervisor Balmain;
Resolution and Plaque Recognizing Don Pucilowski for His Outstanding Service on the Mariposa Planning Commission

BOARD ACTION: (M)Reilly, (S)Parker, Res. 01-249 was adopted and presented to Don Pucilowski, along with the tile plaque/Ayes: Unanimous.

Public Presentations: For Non-Timed Agenda Items and for Items Not on the Agenda
- Pelk Richards, Sheriff, noted that Don Pucilowski was also a member of SCOPE and volunteered many hours on the Northside. Pelk advised of the purchase of a freezer at the jail to replace one that failed on Friday. This is the purchase of a fixed asset prior to the adoption of the final budget; however, since budget hearings are scheduled for next week, Pelk stated he feels the purchase can be formally approved at that time with funding to come from his equipment and inmate welfare fund line items.

Board Information

- Board members commented on the great Fair.

Approval of Minutes 8-21-01 Regular Meeting

BOARD ACTION: Approved.

11:05 a.m. Public Hearing regarding possible modification to Air Pollution Control District Rules was opened and continued to after the following matter.

Approval of Consent Agenda (See End of Minutes)

BOARD ACTION: (M)Reilly, (S)Pickard, all items were approved/Ayes: Unanimous.

11:07 a.m. AIR POLLUTION CONTROL DISTRICT

Dr. Mosher, Public Health Officer;

PUBLIC HEARING: Regarding Possible Adoption of Modification to Air Pollution Control District Rules and Regulations for Sources Subject to Title V of the Federal Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990

BOARD ACTION: Dr. Mosher presented the staff report. Public portion of the hearing was opened. There was no public input. Public portion of the hearing was closed and the Board commenced with deliberations. Staff responded to questions from

the Board as to what would happen if the rules are not adopted. (M)Parker, (S)Stewart, APCD Res. 01-1 adopted/Ayes: Reilly, Stewart, Parker, Pickard; Noes: Balmain. Hearing was closed.

11:13 a.m. Cheryle Rutherford-Kelly, Human Services Director;

A) Authorize (1) a \$500 Monthly Stipend for Employees Holding an MSW (Masters in Social Work or a MA (Master of Art) in Clinical Psychology; (2) a \$700 a Month Stipend for Employees Holding an LCSW (Licensed Clinical Social Worker) or a PHD (Doctorate) in Clinical Psychology; and (3) Make Monies Available for Educational Incentives to Encourage Social Workers Who Work on Child Welfare Cases, Including Children's System of Care, to Attend Accredited Schools of Social Work

BOARD ACTION: Discussion was held relative to the request. Greg Iturria, County Administrative Officer, provided input and reviewed his recommendations concerning the request. (M)Pickard, (S)Stewart, Res. 01-251 adopted approving the request as recommended by the County Administrative Officer in his memorandum of September 4, 2001. Further discussion was held. Supervisor Parker stated he agrees with the educational incentive, and he requested that requests relative to stipends or pay increases include additional information relative to pay scale and impacts. Board members agreed with requesting that the information be provided for this and future requests. Ayes: Reilly, Balmain, Stewart, Pickard; Noes: Parker.

B) Review and Approve the Independent Living Program for the Current Fiscal Year and Authorize the Chairman to Sign the Personal Service Agreement with David Apilado

BOARD ACTION: Following discussion, (M)Parker, (S)Stewart, Res. 01-252 adopted/Ayes: Unanimous.

Mr. Franey, Mariposa Elementary School teacher, and his class visited the Board meeting as a part of their United States government studies. Chairman Balmain introduced the Board members and staff.

Jim Petropulos, Public Works Director;

A) Staff Report Regarding the Mariposa Park Rotary Stage and Amphitheater
BOARD ACTION: Jim Petropulos and Fred Solomon provided a status report and reviewed cost projections to complete the project. Supervisor Parker asked about the status of funding from the Lighting District that was budgeted for the lighting for this project. It was clarified that the cost estimate does not distinguish between funding sources. Discussion was held relative to the possibility of phasing the project and the need to get the facility operational, and relative to the status of the agreement with Mariposa Rotary. Board concurred with having County Counsel review the status of the agreement, with having more information come back as to what it will take to make the facility operational as a minimum, and with staff researching as to whether other funding has been set aside for other portions of the project.

B) Staff Update for the Animal Shelter Project

BOARD ACTION: Jim Petropulos and Fred Solomon provided a status report. They advised that various sites and options are being reviewed. Pelk Richards, Sheriff, provided input, and commended the SPCA for their cooperation with assisting with the homeless animals.

12:18 p.m. Lunch

5:40 p.m. Jim Petropulos, Public Works Director;
Presentation of the Parks and Recreation Master Plan

BOARD ACTION: Jim Petropulos reviewed the process for developing the Master Plan. Kay Hutmacher, ASLA, reviewed the Plan, including existing parks and recreation programs and plans for the future. She advised of two countywide development projects: the Mariposa Creek Parkway and a regional sports complex. Supervisor Balmain asked whether consideration was given in the Plan to land that was set aside for park purposes when the Lake Don Pedro subdivision was created – staff to further review this issue.

Staff responded to questions from the audience as to whether the sports complex includes basketball facilities; anticipated timeframes to implement the Plan; status of the skate park project; and relative to coordination of the Plan with the School District.

Tammy Kudela, teacher at Mariposa County High School and swim team coach and member of the steering committee working on recreation programs in the County, gave a presentation on individual sports and facilities in the County and facilities that are available in other areas with features they would like to see available here. She presented ideas to consider for a sports complex. She stated the steering committee supports the Master Plan.

Rich Begley, PWD/Deputy Director Parks and Recreation, commented on possible financial options for implementing the Plan.

Further discussion was held relative to the presentations and input that was provided. Board members expressed support for the Plan and thanked everyone for their efforts and participation and attendance. Staff responded to an additional question from the audience relative to the skate park project. Jim Petropulos advised that the document will be finalized based on the input provided and a final draft will be submitted to the Board for adoption. Supervisor Pickard asked about the status of the recommendation concerning a park in the Southern Yosemite district along the Highway 41 corridor. Rich Begley advised that the plan is to substitute Fish Camp for Wawona.

Barry Brouillette commented on the large number of people that participate in the sports programs. In regard to the schools and County government working together, he referred to the General Plan Update process and the educational element, and he asked that consideration be given to working out financial policies in the General Plan for these issues. Supervisor Reilly commented on her discussion with Superintendent Holland and the possibility of working on a memorandum of understanding to address these issues.

Donna Ross, School Board member and as a private citizen, stated there is a real lack of recreation facilities on the Northside, and she requested that consideration be given to this issue, especially with the UC Merced impacts.

Rich Begley commented on a previous ball field project that was coordinated with the Don Pedro School.

Staff responded to a question from the audience as to the location selected for the skate park. Supervisor Pickard stated he feels the location needs to be signed.

Supervisor Parker requested that copies of the draft Master Plan be made available at the library.

INFORMATION – No action was necessary on the following:
Information Hearing Schedule (Clerk of the Board)

CONSENT AGENDA

CA-1 Authorize Winter Hours for El Portal and Bassett Memorial Library at Wawona (Librarian); Res. 01-250

CA-2 Accept the Resignation of Trevor Abney from the Mariposa County
Commission on Aging Representing District I (Community Services)

7:05 p.m. Adjournment in memory of Teenie Buck, June Weare and Gladys E. Storer.

Respectfully submitted,

MARGIE WILLIAMS
Clerk of the Board



MARIPOSA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

CONFORMED AGENDA SEPTEMBER 11, 2001



<u>Time</u>	<u>Description</u>
9:12 a.m.	Meeting Called to Order

Chairman Balmain called for a moment of silence in memory of the victims and their families affected by the Nation's tragedy that occurred this morning. He asked that all departments in the County lower their flags to half-mast until further notice.

Pledge of Allegiance
Introductions

Public Presentations: For Non-Timed Agenda Items and for Items Not on the Agenda
Board Information

- Stewart Williams, FFA member, thanked Supervisor Stewart and Margie Williams/Clerk of the Board, for purchasing his steer at the Junior Livestock Auction, and he thanked the Board members for their support of FFA and for being members of the FFA Boosters.

Board Information:

- Supervisor Stewart advised that he attended the Broadband Task Force meeting in Stockton.

Approval of Minutes 8-24-01 (Continued Meeting from 8-21-01) and 8-28-01 Regular Meeting

BOARD ACTION: Approved.

Approval of Consent Agenda (See End of Minutes)

BOARD ACTION: (M)Pickard, (S)Stewart, item 1 was approved/Ayes: Unanimous.

Greg Iturria, County Administrative Officer;

PUBLIC HEARING: Final Budget for Fiscal Year 2001/2002

BOARD ACTION: Greg Iturria advised that the hearing is commencing at this time to accommodate the Assessor, and that he will present his staff report this afternoon. Ken Hawkins, Auditor, and Mary Hodson, Administration/Staff Analyst, were present.

Discussion was held relative to the hearing process, and it was agreed that the Board would give concurrence of approval or denial for individual items as they are presented; deliberate, and adopt the budget at the conclusion of the hearing.

The following budget was reviewed:

Assessor: Bob Lowrimore, Assessor/Recorder, expressed appreciation for the request of a plat map filing cabinet being recommended for funding; stated he would like to see his request approved for the classification of the mapper position to be changed; and he stated he feels there may not be enough funding allocated for office expense, training and seminars. He also noted the ongoing maintenance and problems with the roof for the Hall of Records. Supervisor Stewart noted that the roofing issue is scheduled for consideration later in the budget process. Discussion was held concerning the requests. Chairman Balmain called for input from the public. There was no input. Board concurred with accepting the budget as recommended and adjusted with the addition of the map filing cabinet, and with further reviewing the travel request later in the budget hearing or at mid-year, if necessary.

Hearing was continued to 2:00 p.m.

Dana Hertfelder, Assistant Public Works Director, appeared on behalf of Jim Petropulos, Public Works Director;

Authorize the Montana DePaz Zone of Benefit to Borrow \$10,800 from the Revolving Zone of Benefit Fund 298 to Allow the Zone to Chip Seal the Road to Avoid a More Costly Overlay in the Near Future

BOARD ACTION: Discussion was held with Dana Hertfelder and Marty Allan, PWD/Fleet-Fiscal Manager, concerning the request. Jeff Green, County Counsel, advised that the Board needs to specify the term of the loan. (M)Parker, (S)Stewart, Res. 01-254 adopted approving request, with a term of ten years for paying back the loan. Discussion was held relative to the interest rate. Motion was amended, agreeable with maker and second, to direct that the loan reflect the actual interest rate of the County/Ayes: Unanimous.

Jeff Green, County Counsel;

Adopt a Resolution Amending Resolution Number 00-332 Adopting Proposition 218 Assessment Entitled Ballot Proceedings Procedures

BOARD ACTION: Following discussion, (M)Parker, (S)Reilly, Res. 01-255 adopted/Ayes: Unanimous.

Cheryle Rutherford-Kelly, Human Service Director;

Adopt a Resolution to Participate in a Rural County Petition Against the State Department of Community Services and Development Regarding Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) Funding

BOARD ACTION: Discussion was held with Cheryle Rutherford-Kelly, who advised that she was present today as Calaveras-Mariposa Director of Community Action. Cheryle advised of an option to present new legislation as a unified group, but noted that could take time. Board concurred with not joining in a lawsuit on this matter.

Greg Iturria, County Administrative Officer, advised that the County sent a strike team of engines to the Darby Fire in Calaveras/Tuolumne Counties early this morning.

Supervisor Pickard commented on a Fax received from RCRC relative to SB196, and stated that he will work with the County Administrative Officer to gather more information and bring the matter back for discussion later this date, if necessary.

10:08 a.m. Greg Iturria, County Administrative Officer;

CLOSED SESSION: Regarding Conference with County Labor Negotiator Relative to Service Employees International Union

BOARD ACTION: (M)Parker, (S)Pickard, closed session to be held at 11:00 a.m./Ayes: Unanimous.

10:09 a.m. Recess

11:04 a.m. Board convened in closed session.

11:55 a.m. Lunch

2:07 p.m. Board reconvened and Chairman Balmain opened the Public Hearing to consider the final budget for fiscal year 2001/02 and continued it to after the following matters.

Supervisor Balmain advised that his son was the pilot on the plane that flew to Boston; he turned the plane over to the next crew, and that was the plane that crashed into the first tower at the World Trade Center.

Greg Iturria, County Administrative Officer, advised that the counties have been asked to review their Disaster Response Plans and to prepare to mobilize resources, if necessary, as a result of the terrorist attacks this morning. He further advised that the EMS Coordinator from our area has been assigned to the Disaster Response Team for the disaster in New York. The Health Officer is meeting with the Red Cross and may conduct a local blood bank drive.

Chairman Balmain announced that as a result of the closed session that direction was given to staff.

Greg Iturria, County Administrative Officer

PUBLIC HEARING: Final Budget for Fiscal Year 2001/2002 (Continued)

BOARD ACTION: Ken Hawkins/Auditor, Chris Ebie/Assistant Auditor, Mary Hodson/Administration-Staff Analyst, and Donna Wass/Administration-Executive Secretary were present to respond to questions and to track the budget changes.

Chairman Balmain called for public comment and the following input was provided:

Bernie Knoll spoke in support of expanding the **Red Cloud Branch Library** in Greeley Hill. He advised that they have formed a Friends of the Library group and the community is supporting this project. He presented options for expanding the space and funding information.

Evan Smith, Principal of Coulterville-Greeley Hill Elementary School, stated he has spoken with the County Librarian relative to the possibility of a joint effort to expand the facility. He commented on the students' use of the facility, and stated he would like to see computers available, along with book talks and story hours. He also noted the importance of having magazines and newspapers available. He advised of a grant received by the school because of the significant need at the school for a library. He responded to questions from the Board as to whether the school has a library, and he advised that the decision was made many years ago to place books in each classroom versus a school library.

Pat Sischo, **Wawona-Bassett Friends of the Library**, noted their branch tries to meet the needs of the residents, and in addition, they serve Park Service employees and visitors and their families. She advised that the visitors also rely on the use of the Library for the computers to access the internet and the videos and books for evening entertainment. She stated she feels that for many, the library is a form of recreation. She also noted that a reduction of the hours for the branch to those funded by the County reduces the availability of services, and it is difficult to schedule those few hours to meet the needs of all of the users. She requested that the book budget and the hours for staffing the branch be increased.

Toni Wirkkala, Greeley Hill, spoke on behalf of families who home-school their children and use the library facilities. She stated that when her four children visit the Red Cloud Branch, they fill the library and they have read and re-read every book.

The following budgets were reviewed:

Library: Supervisor Balmain initiated discussion relative to the request to expand the Red Cloud Library Branch facilities, and he requested that the Board consider approving Option "C" with suite 1, and that funding left from the Mariposa Library be taken from the General Fund and placed in the building fund for the Red Cloud Branch. Jacque Meriam, Librarian, provided input relative to the request and responded to questions. Discussion was held relative to the options for expanding this branch and the

costs. Board concurred with funding the expansion of the Red Cloud Branch as recommended in option "C", suite 1, with the deletion of the request for carpet; with deferring the request to fund opening of the main branch one extra day a week until later in the budget hearings; and with funding the extra hours at the branch libraries. Discussion was held relative to the request for a printer. Jacque Meriam advised that she will check to see if the San Joaquin Valley Library System can assist with costs for moving the LAN and computer data line. Board concurred with the recommended budget adjustment to decrease the revenue by \$583.

3:14 p.m. Recess

3:32 p.m. General Purpose Revenue: No changes were made and the Board concurred with the recommended budget adjustment.

Board of Supervisors: Discussion was held. Supervisor Pickard requested that \$500 be funded for the Yosemite/Sequoia Resource Conservation and Development area membership, and he advised that the other counties in this district are considering the same request. Matter to be further considered later in the budget hearings. Supervisor Balmain asked about the status of membership for the San Joaquin Valley Supervisors Association Bio-Diversity Council.

Administration: Discussion was held. Board concurred with the recommended budget adjustment to increase communications funding for the video conferencing and to add extra help funding.

Audits: Discussion was held relative to the status of the transient occupancy tax audits. Ken Hawkins provided input on this matter. No changes were made.

Assessment Appeals: Board concurred with the recommended budget adjustment to increase travel and seminars line items.

Auditor: Ken Hawkins thanked the Chief Probation Officer for donating computers and the Technical Services Director for assistance with getting the computers on-line. Board concurred with the recommended budget adjustment to add a computer.

County Counsel: Jeff Green, County Counsel, was present. No changes were made in the recommended budget.

Personnel: Jeff Green, County Counsel/Interim Personnel Officer, was present. Discussion was held relative to the request to fund the classification study. No changes were made in the recommended budget.

Risk Management: Greg Iturria advised of the recommended change in the accounting for programs in this budget. No changes were made in the recommended budget.

Chairman Balmain informed the Board of his discussion with Jeff Green, County Counsel, relative to his plans to be out of the office, and he advised that Jeff agreed to change his plans and be present. The Board concurred with having Jeff present.

Data Processing: Discussion was held with Dennis Patrick, Technical Services Director. Dennis advised that he would like to address a strategic plan for the County and establish a prioritization process for projects. Supervisor Stewart expressed concern with the impact that grant program funding for data processing equipment and programs

has on the department. Supervisor Reilly suggested that these costs be written into the grant whenever possible. Board concurred with the budget as recommended.

Agricultural Commissioner: Discussion was held relative to the vehicle expense increase in this and other budgets. Supervisor Parker asked about the status of the Board approving the rates charged to the departments for fleet. Greg Iturria advised that he will review this issue.

Farm Advisor: Discussion was held with Gary Hickman, County Director/Horticulture Advisor. Board concurred with the budget as recommended. Supervisor Pickard asked Gary about his involvement in the noxious weed program, and that of Wain Johnson; and he was advised that they are both involved.

Fish and Game: Board concurred with the budget as recommended and with the adjustment to correct the fund balance. Supervisor Pickard initiated discussion as to whether any projects are planned. Supervisor Reilly stated she felt it would be helpful if people knew the process for requesting funds from this budget. Greg Iturria to further review.

Building: Discussion was held with John Davis, Building Director. Board concurred with the budget as recommended and with the adjustment to correct the fund balance.

Planning: Discussion was held with Eric Toll, Planning Director. Eric thanked the County Administrative Officer and Auditor for developing a better system to track the General Plan Update costs. Eric presented input on his request for funding for a laptop computer, additional training and seminar funding for a Board member to attend the National Planning Conference, and for a projector for power point presentations. Supervisor Parker suggested checking to see if a laptop is available from a department that is replacing computers; and that if a Board member chooses to go to the National Planning Conference, that the costs come from the Board's travel budget. Supervisor Reilly asked if the budget contained funds to cover costs incurred by committees. Eric stated he felt it would take some funding to refurbish a used laptop. The Board concurred with tentatively funding \$3,500 for a laptop computer.

4:35 p.m. Recess

4:48 p.m. County Clerk: Discussion was held with Don Phillips, County Clerk, relative to request for reconsideration of reclassification of Account Clerk II position. Greg Iturria stated he feels the compensation and classification study will take care of many of the reclassification requests. Don also provided input relative to his request for additional funding for training and seminars. Board concurred with the budget as recommended.

Elections: Discussion was held with Don Phillips, County Clerk, and Marjorie Wass, Assistant County Clerk, relative to request for increase in communication funding. Board concurred with the budget as recommended.

Treasurer/Tax Collector: Discussion was held with Don Phillips, Treasurer/Tax Collector, relative to his budget requests, including additional funding for training and seminars. Supervisor Pickard asked about the change in the collection of the transient occupancy tax to individual units for bed and breakfast operations and duplicate input by the offices, and why this was not included as a goal for improvement. Supervisor Parker asked about the increase in investment charges. Don presented information on his request to fund a better reporting and accounting system to track investments and costs –

he stated the funding could be from his Cost Fund. Discussion was held relative to the request for a surveillance camera, monitoring the tapes, maintenance, and establishing a County policy. Board concurred with the budget as recommended, with the deletion of \$2,200 for the surveillance camera. Don also advised that the headquarters for Fiduciary Trust were located in the World Trade Center.

Community Development Block Grant: No changes were made.

Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCo): No changes were made.

5:32 p.m. Hearing was continued to September 12, 2001, at 9:00 a.m.

CONSENT AGENDA

CA-1 Adopt a Resolution Recognizing the John C. Fremont Hospital's 50 Years of Service to Mariposa County (Chairman Balmain); Res. 01-253

5:33 p.m. Board recessed and continued the meeting to September 12, 2001, at 9:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

MARGIE WILLIAMS
Clerk of the Board



MARIPOSA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



CONFORMED AGENDA SEPTEMBER 12, 2001 (Continued Meeting from 9-11-01)

Time Description
9:11 a.m. Continued meeting from September 11, 2001, called to order.

Chairman Balmain advised that the Board is doing business as usual; however, it is very concerned about the tragedy our nation suffered on Tuesday, and is very aware of the President's message. He also advised that his daughter was on an international flight from London to San Francisco on Tuesday, and her flight was diverted to Vancouver. Supervisor Reilly commented on the tragedy.

Greg Iturria, County Administrative Officer;
CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING: Final Budget for Fiscal Year 2001/2002
(Continued from 9-11-01)

BOARD ACTION: Ken Hawkins/Auditor, Chris Ebie/Assistant Auditor, Mary Hodson/Administration-Staff Analyst, and Donna Wass/Administration-Executive Secretary were present to respond to questions and to track the budget changes.

Chairman Balmain called for public comment and no input was provided.

Dr. Mosher, County Health Officer, advised of local response to the nation's tragedy that occurred on Tuesday: they are working to set up a local blood bank drive for the County; and the department could offer to accept donations for the Red Cross. Board members concurred with the department accepting donations, and authorized other departments to work with the Health Department on this matter.

The following budgets were reviewed:

Health: Discussion was held with Dr. Mosher, County Health Officer. No changes were made to the recommended budget.

Air Pollution: Dr. Mosher was present. Greg Iturria advised that this budget has been combined with the Health Department budget. No changes were made to the recommended budget.

Human Services Department Administration, Mental Health, Social Services, Conservator, Social Service Programs, Community Family Resources, Housing Development, Housing Authority Choice Voucher, and Community Programs – CAA: Discussion was held with Cheryle Rutherford-Kelly, Human Services Director. Supervisor Pickard commented that our plan for the Community Action Agency is being used as a model, and he commended staff. Board concurred with all of the budgets as recommended and adjusted. Greg Iturria advised that two social worker IV positions were allocated to the Department last spring, with authorization to fill the positions held pending approval of the reorganization of the Department. (M)Pickard, (S)Stewart, Res. 01-256 adopted authorizing the two social worker IV positions to be filled at this time/Ayes: Reilly, Balmain, Stewart, Pickard; Abstained: Parker. Supervisor Pickard commented on working with Human Services on the shortfall of revenue in the Senior Nutrition Program, and Greg Iturria advised of the receipt of realignment funds to offset the shortfall. Cheryle advised that after the Board approved the stipends for the social

workers in child protective services, she has been able to hire two employees and has a commitment to fill the supervisor position, and she thanked the Board.

Community Services/Veterans Services: Discussion was held with Mary Williams, Community Services Director. The Board concurred with the recommended budget.

Community Services/Senior Services: Discussion was held with Mary Williams. The Board concurred with the budget as recommended and adjusted.

Community Services/Senior Nutrition: Discussion was held with Mary Williams relative to revenue and the General Fund contribution to this budget. Greg Iturria advised that they will show two separate transfer-in accounts to reflect the General Fund contribution and the other revenue. The Board concurred with the budget as recommended and adjusted.

Transit: Discussion was held with Mary Williams relative to the budget and the contribution for the fair shuttle program. Supervisor Parker asked that funding for this program be considered later in the budget hearing process. The Board concurred with the recommended budget and adjustments.

10:04 a.m. Recess

10:26 a.m. Child Support Services: Marita Green, Child Support Services Director, was present. The Board concurred with the recommended budget.

Grand Jury: The Board concurred with the recommended budget.

Law Library: The Board concurred with the recommended budget and adjustment.

Indigent Defense: The Board concurred with the recommended budget.

District Attorney/SRVP Grant: Bill Flaherty/Victim-Witness Coordinator, was present. The Board concurred with the recommended budget and adjustment.

Sund-Pelosso: Chris Johnson, District Attorney was present. Discussion was held with Janet Bibby, DA/Paralegal. Greg Iturria advised that if the Board approves the temporary increase in compensation for the Deputy District Attorney for this case, Personnel will need to come back to the Board for approval of the details. Board concurred with the recommended budget.

District Attorney – Prosecution: Discussion was held with Greg Iturria relative to the data document system. The Board concurred with the recommended budget and adjustment.

District Attorney – Drug Enforcement Grant: The Board concurred with the budget as recommended.

District Attorney – Domestic Violence Grant: Janet Bibby advised that the grant has not been awarded. Discussion was held relative to the status of staffing and impacts. The Board concurred with the budget as recommended.

Victim-Witness: Bill Flaherty was present. Greg Iturria advised of adjustments to the budget as a result of changes in the grant. The Board concurred with the budget as recommended.

Juvenile Detention: Discussion was held with Pete Judy, Chief Probation Officer, relative to processing the JBAG grant expenditures. The Board and the Auditor concurred with the Chief Probation Officer making the purchases and coming back to the Board with a list of actual expenditures on a one-time basis for this grant only. The Board concurred with the budget as recommended and with the adjustments.

Probation: Greg Iturria advised of adjustments in the SLESF fund. Discussion was held with Pete Judy relative to request for arming the probation officers and request to increase the budget to purchase firearms and ammunition for training. Pelk Richards, Sheriff, provided input relative to arming the officers and training, and he stated he is okay with this program. The Board concurred with adding \$3,100 for safety equipment and with adjustments for the SLESF fund.

Proposition 36: Discussion was held with Pete Judy. The Board concurred with the budget as recommended and adjusted.

11:12 a.m. Recess

11:32 a.m. Fire: Discussion was held with Blaine Shultz, Fire Chief, and he advised of revenue received from the Briceburg Fire in the amount of \$38,170 and of his request for a budget transfer to expend the funds. The Board concurred with adjusting the budget to reflect the revenue that was received and allocating the funds as requested. Discussion was held relative to the request to add a deputy fire chief position and to fund fire/medical rapid response vehicles. Further consideration of this budget was continued to September 13, 2001. Blaine advised that the Coulterville equipment request is being addressed.

Sheriff: Discussion was held with Pelk Richards, Sheriff. Greg Iturria advised of the new grant funded positions – they will fall under the current policy pertaining to grant funded positions (the positions are only allocated during for the term of the grant funding). Discussion was held relative to the grant funding provided by AB 443, and Pelk advised of possible uses of a portion of the funds allocated for the child-endangered program toward recreation programs. Pelk advised of a private donation of funds to begin a spay/neutering program for the animal control program. Board concurred with matching the donation with \$15,000 as a one-time contribution. Board concurred with the budget as recommended and adjusted with the grant funding.

Jail: Discussion was held with Pelk Richards relative to utility costs. Greg Iturria advised that utility costs were increased throughout the budget; and if the costs increase more than projected, the matter could be reviewed at mid-year. If the costs are less, he proposed that departments not be able to transfer from their utility line items to other line items. Board concurred with the budget as recommended and adjusted with the inclusion of the purchase of the freezer.

Boating Safety: Board concurred with the budget as recommended and adjusted for the boat repair.

COPS Grant: Board concurred with the budget as recommended.

SLESF: Board concurred with the budget as recommended and adjusted.

Pelk Richards thanked Greg Iturria and Mary Hodson for working with the department on the budget and other issues.

12:54 p.m. Lunch

2:21 p.m. Public comment:

Don Weston, History Center and Museum, provided information on the status of funding for the **vault at the History Center**, and he requested continued support from the County. Funding of the vault to be considered with discussion of the Capital Improvement Project budget later during the hearing process.

Facilities Maintenance: Discussion was held with Jim Petropulos, Public Works Director, and Marty Allan, PWD/Fleet-Fiscal Manager. Greg Iturria advised of the recommended adjustment to include funding for the purchase of a mower and trailer. Discussion was held relative to the requested funding for studying the fire houses, addressing the ADA and maintenance issues – Board concurred with continuing this portion of the request for consideration with the Fire budget. Board concurred with the rest of the budget as recommended and adjusted.

Airport Operations: Board concurred with the budget as recommended and adjusted.

Special Aviation: Board concurred with the budget as recommended.

Airport Hangar Project: Board concurred with the budget as recommended and adjusted.

Airport Fuel System: Marty Allan reduced their General Fund request to \$6,582, with expenditures to be adjusted accordingly. Greg Iturria recommended that the Board approve the original recommended budget with a transfer from the General Fund of \$6,582 and appropriate \$66,430 for fuel purchases, with this adjustment to also be made in the Interfund transfers later in the hearing process. Discussion was held. Board concurred with the budget as recommended and adjusted.

Public Works Administration: Discussion was held with Jim Petropulos and Marty Allan relative to the budget request to upgrade software for the CAMS program. Board concurred with the budget as recommended.

Regional Transit Services: Greg Iturria advised of an adjustment to account for the Local Transportation Fund funding. Discussion was held and continued for a recess.

3:19 p.m. Recess

3:40 p.m. Further discussion was held. Supervisor Stewart commented on the various transit systems and providers in the County. Board concurred with the budget as recommended and adjusted.

Chairman Balmain advised of information received from NACO and CSAC relative to the disaster as a result of the terrorism on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon. (M)Stewart, (S)Pickard, Board waived rules requiring 72 hours agenda noticing to consider the requests from NACO and CSAC, based on the recent tragedy and finding it is a matter of timeliness/Ayes: Unanimous. Discussion was held. (M)Stewart, (S)Pickard, Res. 01-257 adopted supporting NACO's resolution and Res. 01-258 adopted supporting CSAC's resolution condemning the cowardly and deadly actions of terrorists on September 11, 2001, against the United States of America. Further

discussion was held and the motion was amended, agreeable with maker and second, to include a wording change in the NACO resolution/Ayes: Unanimous.

Parks and Recreation: Discussion was held with Rich Begley, PWD-Deputy Director Parks and Recreation, relative to request for staffing and regarding the mobile van program. Board concurred with the budget as recommended and adjusted, and with adding \$5,479 to the grant funded position to create a permanent part-time position.

Local Transportation Commission: Board concurred with the budget as recommended and adjusted.

State Transit Assistance: Board concurred with the budget as recommended and adjusted.

Transportation Planning: Board concurred with the budget as recommended and adjusted.

Pedestrian Bikeway: Board concurred with the budget as recommended and adjusted. Discussion was held relative to the status of the Plan and consideration of future projects, as well as the status of the Greeley Hill sidewalk project.

4:22 p.m. Recess

4:38 p.m. Surveyor/Engineer: Board concurred with recommendation to move this portion of the budget to the Road budget.

Roads: Greg Iturria advised of adjustments. Following discussion, Board concurred with the budget as recommended and adjusted.

Roads – Special Projects: Board concurred with the budget as recommended and adjusted.

Solid Waste; Solid Waste Closure; Solid Waste Liner Replacement; Solid Waste Special Project: Board concurred with the budgets as recommended and adjusted.

4:53 p.m. Board recessed and continued the hearing and the meeting to September 13, 2001, at 9:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

MARGIE WILLIAMS
Clerk of the Board



MARIPOSA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

CONFORMED AGENDA SEPTEMBER 13, 2001 (Continued Meeting from 9-12-01)



Time Description
9:25 a.m. Continued meeting from September 12, 2001, called to order.

Supervisor Stewart commented on his granddaughter being included in the Fair photographs in the newspaper. Supervisor Reilly noted that her grandson was also in the Fair photographs.

Supervisor Stewart read a story about the American flag. Supervisor Reilly advised of a request that she received encouraging the flying of the American flag as is done on holidays as a demonstration of patriotism in the County.

Chairman Balmain led in the Pledge of Allegiance, and he commented on the President's speech earlier this date.

Greg Iturria, County Administrative Officer;
CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING: Final Budget for Fiscal Year 2001/2002
(Continued from 9-12-01)

BOARD ACTION: Ken Hawkins/Auditor, Chris Ebie/Assistant Auditor, Mary Hodson/Administration-Staff Analyst, and Donna Wass/Administration-Executive Secretary were present to respond to questions and to track the budget changes.

Chairman Balmain called for public comment and no input was provided.

The following budgets were reviewed:

Fire: Discussion was held with Greg Iturria and Blaine Shultz, Fire Chief, relative to the three pending issues: the deputy fire chief position, the rapid response vehicle program, and fire station upgrades. (M)Parker, (S)Reilly, Res. 01-259 adopted approving the deputy fire chief position as recommended. Further discussion was held, and Supervisor Pickard stated he wanted to be able to review all of the issues and have more information. Ayes: Reilly, Balmain, Stewart, Parker; Noes: Pickard. Discussion was held relative to the fire station upgrades. Jim Petropulos, Public Works Director, provided input relative to the request for maintenance and to bring the stations into compliance with code requirements. Greg Iturria advised that the funding would allow for some preliminary engineering and data gathering to obtain information to apply for grants, and that some of the work may be able to be done in-house with the addition of the deputy fire chief position. Discussion was held relative to the maintenance of the stations, improvements and new stations, and funding being included in various budgets (Public Works, Capital Improvement, and Fire), as well as funding requested for consultant services. Blaine advised that he will meet with Public Works and bring back more information on these issues. Discussion was held relative to the rapid response vehicle program and options for phasing in this program. Board concurred with allocating \$103,832 to add to contributions from the volunteers to purchase four vehicles for the following stations: Fish Camp, Ponderosa Basin, Midpines and Catheys Valley. Purchase of the slip-in pumps will be held pending review of future revenue sources. Following further discussion relative to the deputy fire chief position and equipment, the

Board concurred with allocating \$25,500 for salary and benefits for the position effective January 1, 2002; \$500 for clothing; and \$29,000 for a vehicle.

10:30 a.m. Recess

10:56 a.m. Fleet Maintenance: Discussion was held with Dana Hertfelder, Assistant Public Works Director, relative to request to purchase a two post lift. Joe Halencak, Interim Equipment Mechanic Supervisor, provided information on the warranty and options for post lifts. Board concurred with the budget as recommended and adjusted, and with funding \$6,600 Heavy Equipment Depreciation for the two post lift.

Vehicle Replacement: Discussion was held with Greg Iturria, Dana Hertfelder, and Marty Allan/PWD-Fleet Fiscal Manager, relative to the budget request. Supervisor Reilly requested that a list of the vehicles to be purchased be provided to the Board. Board concurred with the budget as recommended and adjusted. Board concurred with having staff bring the charges to the departments for the fleet to the Board early in the spring for review prior to next year's budget.

Heavy Equipment Replacement: Discussion was held with Dana Hertfelder and Marty Allan. Greg Iturria advised of an adjustment to the budget and he noted that the \$6,600 allocated for the two-post lift in the Fleet Maintenance budget will be reflected in this budget. Dana Hertfelder requested that the revenue be increased in this budget by \$23,650 to reflect the sale of the Dura-patcher. Board concurred with the changes as recommended and adjusted, including the funding for the lift and the revenue increase.

Water Agency: Greg Iturria advised of an adjustment to the Fund balance. Discussion was held relative to the membership costs. Board concurred with removing \$4,000 from membership and increasing the set aside.

Coulterville Lighting: Board concurred with the budget as recommended and adjusted.

Coulterville Service Area; Don Pedro Service Area 1M; Don Pedro Sewer; Hornitos Lighting; Mariposa Lighting; Mariposa Parking; and Mariposa Pines Sewer: Board concurred with the recommended budgets and adjustments. Supervisor Balmain expressed concern with the diminishing capital line items in these budgets.

Wawona Service Area: Supervisor Pickard asked about the status of review of the rates and fees for the trash removal contract. Jim Petropulos provided input and stated he hopes to have information shortly. Board concurred with the budget as recommended.

Yosemite West Maintenance: Supervisor Reilly clarified that the Advisory Committee received the budget information, and she commented on a letter that was received relative to problems with the water and pipelines in Yosemite West. Board concurred with the budget as recommended and adjusted.

11:43 a.m. Recess

12:04 p.m. Capital Improvement Projects: Discussion was held relative to the following projects:

Mariposa-Coulterville Drainage Master Plan – Board concurred with eliminating the fund balance.

Cemetery Land Purchase – Board concurred with eliminating the fund balance, and with reconsidering this project when the needs are known.

Animal Shelter – Board concurred with allocating \$125,000 to the fund balance for this project as a separate account.

Midpines Fire Station Engineering Study for Remodel – Board concurred with eliminating the fund balance and with reviewing this project with the overall fire station issues.

Fish Camp Fire Station Engineering Study for Remodel – Board concurred with eliminating the fund balance and with reviewing this project with the overall fire station issues.

Sheriff Retaining Wall – Discussion was held with Dana Hertfelder. Board concurred with staying with the fund balance for this project.

Discussion on the rest of the CIP budget was continued to later this date.

12:44 p.m. Lunch

2:05 p.m. Visitors' Bureau: Greg Iturria reviewed the history of the department and presented his staff report and recommendation, and he provided information on the recruitment issue scheduled for September 18th.

Input from the public was provided by the following:

Candy O'Donel-Browne, Executive Director of the Chamber of Commerce and Economic Development Corporation, stated she is here today to present an alternative marketing plan for consideration. She stated she feels that tourism is critical to the County. She stated she feels that Yosemite is losing visitors at the same time that tourism is increasing in other areas of the State. She referred to the recent tragedy and steps being taken to increase security and the impacts this will have on tourism. She advised of the marketing plan prepared by John Poimiroo and gave information on his background.

John Poimiroo reviewed his marketing plan, and he stated he feels the plan could have been much larger. He reviewed what he feels is happening with destination marketing today, and he stated he feels the County is falling behind. He stated he feels the plan is an investment in the future. He responded to questions from the Board relative to his review of the County Administrative Officer's recommendation and the consultant's report, and relative to the workload for the tourism and economic development functions. John Poimiroo stated he does not feel that there is sufficient funding budgeted to get results and keep the industry in the County going. He commented on resources that are available to the County to assist with economic development. Supervisor Reilly noted that the County is not abandoning the tourism program and puts a lot of effort and financial resources into this function. Supervisor Stewart asked John Poimiroo if he would be available for the Board's discussion relative to recruiting for the director position on the 18th.

Kevin Shelton, member of the tourism industry, urged consideration and support of the plan. He commented on losses in the industry and the County Visitors' Bureau services.

Jan Mennig, Chairman of the Tourism Advisory Council and past Executive Director and President of the Chamber of Commerce, commented on his review of the revenue and study on tourism and growth in the community. He stated he feels that John Poimiroo's plan is excellent and will do the job. He stated he feels there has been a lack of communication and a lack of respect in regard to the report. He stated that, based on his experience in dealing with economic development and tourism, it is an impossible task for one person to handle all of the duties that are recommended by the County Administrative Officer. He feels that more staffing is needed and that all of the tasks should not be merged together.

Kim VanMeter, County Film Commissioner, stated she believes she did a good job and she thanked the Board for the opportunity to perform this function.

Brian Deckel, Regional Sales Marketing representing Yosemite Concession Services and Tenaya Lodge, and as a member of the Tourism Advisory Council, stated he is in full support of the plan prepared by John Poimiroo.

Georgene Tarbox, representing the Employment Development Department, expressed concern with tourism – she stated she does not feel that now is the time to be pulling back. She stated she feels that we need a multi-faceted marketing plan. Speaking as an individual, she stated she understands the other County issues.

Discussion was held relative to the recommendations and the input that was provided. Board members thanked everyone for their input. Board concurred with the budget as recommended.

2:59 p.m. Recess

3:27 p.m. The Board continued with review of the **Capital Improvement Project** budget.

Chairman Balmain called for public comment – none was received.

Discussion was held relative to the following projects:

History Center Vault – Board concurred with allocating \$150,000 additional funding. Don Weston, History Center, thanked the Board for its support of this project.

Red Cloud Park Playground Equipment Replacement – Rich Begley provided input relative to the status of replacement of playground equipment in the County. Board concurred with allocating \$21,745.

Mariposa Creek Project – Discussion was held relative to the status of the project. Board concurred with allocating \$98,000.

Adult Detention Facility – Jim Petropulos and Dana Hertfelder provided input relative to the landscaping project and the additional grading work. Board concurred with the fund balance.

Library Development – The project is complete and the Board concurred with a zero fund balance.

Bridgeport Fire Station (land acquisition and new construction) – Discussion was held relative to the status of a site for this station. Marty Allan provided input. Board concurred with adding \$50,000 for this project and to keep the project as a separate fund. Supervisor Reilly requested that there be a plan for budgeting for these types of projects, and that phasing be considered.

Don Pedro Wastewater Treatment – Board concurred with recommendation to add \$45,000 for this project.

Hazardous Material Cleanup – Discussion was held with Jim Petropulos. Board concurred with recommendation to add \$25,000 for this project.

Hall of Records Re-roof – Discussion was held with Dana Hertfelder, and he advised that staff will bring options to the Board for consideration that can be done within the available fund balance. No changes were made.

Yosemite West Wastewater – Discussion was held with Greg Iturria and Jim Petropulos relative to the status of the project and the Proposition 218 process, and phasing the project. Board concurred with having staff further review these issues and with considering this project later in the hearing process.

Mariposa Pines Wastewater Treatment Plant – No changes were made.

New Ballfield Acquisition – Discussion was held. Board concurred with keeping \$10,384 in the fund balance.

Skate Park – Discussion was held relative to the project and funding, including the possibility of Sheriff's Department grant funding. Board concurred with adding \$82,000 for this project so that it can be completed.

Mariposa Middle School Ballfield Upgrade – Discussion was held with Rich Begley. No changes were made.

Ballfield Lighting (Mariposa lower field) – Discussion was held with Jim Petropulos, Dana Hertfelder, Rich Begley, and Marty Allan relative to the use of the fields and funding from the Lighting District. Supervisor Reilly stated she feels discussion needs to be held with the School District on these joint projects. Discussion was held relative to the lighting issues for the other ballfields. Board concurred with adding \$20,000 from the General Fund and with adding \$55,215 from the Lighting District.

Airport Projects – Board concurred with adding \$149,600.

Mariposa Stage – New Seating – Discussion was held relative to the status of the amphitheater project. Board concurred with adding \$275,041.

Catheys Valley Park Expansion – Discussion was held with Rich Begley relative to the status of this project. No changes were made.

Woodland Ballfield Lighting – Discussion was held with Rich Begley relative to this project and the Lion’s Club support. Supervisor Reilly commented on the need to finish the existing projects and the need to resolve lighting issues for rural areas. Board concurred with funding this project with \$132,000.

Mariposa Pool Deck Rehabilitation – Following discussion, the Board concurred with deferring this project at this time.

Mariposa Park Pavement – Discussion was held with Jim Petropulos. Board concurred with deferring this project at this time.

Coulterville Pool Deck Rehabilitation – Discussion was held with Rich Begley. Board concurred with funding this project with \$40,000.

Overhead Lube System – Marty Allan withdrew the request for this project.

Covered Wash Facility – Discussion was held with Marty Allan relative to the request and the status of the water situation at the department. Board concurred with not funding the project at this time.

Enclosed Recycling Equipment – Public Works withdrew the request for this project.

Mariposa Lower Ballpark Restrooms – Discussion was held with Rich Begley. Board concurred with funding this project with \$80,000.

Public Health Building Upgrade – Discussion was held with Greg Iturria relative to this project which includes changing the entrance to the storage, replacing carpeting, painting inside and out, replacing a window in the conference room, and moving the gate. Board concurred with deferring this request at this time, and with Public Works prioritizing the needs for the Facilities budget. (Direction was given later this date.)

Kings View Building Upgrade – Board concurred with deferring this project.

Engineering Studies for the following Fire Stations: Mormon Bar, Lushmeadows, Airport, Coulterville, Greeley Hill, Yosemite West, Hunters Valley, and Bootjack – Board concurred with not funding these requests.

Catheys Valley Ballfield Lighting – Following discussion, the Board concurred with funding \$80,000 for this project.

Greeley Hill Library (new building) – Supervisor Balmain initiated discussion relative to the project and funding options, and the possibility of placing funding for this project in a separate interest-bearing account. Board concurred with contributing \$100,000 toward this project.

Fire/Medical Rapid Response Vehicles – this request was previously addressed in the hearing.

5:14 p.m. Recess

5:31 p.m. Public Health Building Upgrade – Further discussion was held relative to this project. Board concurred with funding \$10,000 for the carpet replacement and painting

(painting to be done by maintenance staff), with the funding to be placed in the Facilities Maintenance budget.

Parks and Recreation Site Acquisition and Development – Supervisor Reilly requested that funding be allocated for a sports complex to begin looking for acquisition of a site and to proceed with the project. Discussion was held relative to the sports complex project and possible funding options, including the Tobacco Settlement funds. Supervisor Balmain suggested that consideration be given to contacting BLM to see if they have any property available for a site or to trade. Further discussion was held after the following items.

Darrah School House Project – Supervisor Pickard requested that funding be allocated to match a grant request being made to the California Heritage Fund Grant Program to complete the project. Discussion was held. Board concurred with allocating \$45,000 contingent upon the grant funds being received.

Mariposa Arts Park Land Acquisition – Board concurred with allocating \$31,000 for the project, and additional funding was allocated following discussion on the next item.

General Land Acquisition (contribution to fund) – Following discussion, the Board concurred with not funding this project as specific projects are being funded. Following discussion with Jim Petropulos, the Board concurred with allocating another \$50,000 to the Mariposa Arts Park for improvements.

Discussion was held relative to the status of the fund balance of unallocated funding.

Compost Facility Construction Contribution – Board concurred with allocating \$500,000 to this project.

Parks and Recreation Site Acquisition and Development – Further discussion was held relative to funding options. Board concurred with allocating the Tobacco Settlement funds that the County has received to date (approximately \$407,329), along with the next payment of funds (payment due in January 2002). It was clarified that this does not make any commitment on the funding received after the next payment.

Yosemite West Wastewater – Further discussion was held with Jim Petropulos. Board concurred with allocating \$100,000 for this project.

Discussion was held relative to continuing the hearing for staff to balance the accounting with the changes that were made during the hearing process. Board concurred with reconvening on September 17th at 1:30 p.m.

Supervisor Balmain initiated discussion relative to funding a tractor/trailer lowboy for the Public Works Department. Board concurred with allocating \$150,000.

Discussion was held relative to funding and revenue for the General Plan Update.

6:58 p.m. Board recessed and continued the hearing and the meeting to September 17, 2001, at 1:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

MARGIE WILLIAMS
Clerk of the Board



MARIPOSA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

CONFORMED AGENDA SEPTEMBER 17, 2001 (Continued Meeting from 9-13-01)



Time Description
1:47 p.m. Continued meeting from September 13, 2001, called to order

Greg Iturria, County Administrative Officer;
CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING: Final Budget for Fiscal Year 2001/2002
(Continued from 9-13-01)

BOARD ACTION: Ken Hawkins/Auditor, Chris Ebie/Assistant Auditor, and Mary Hodson/Administration-Staff Analyst, were present to respond to questions and to track the budget changes.

Supervisor Balmain expressed concern with the status of the special district budgets, especially Don Pedro Service Area 1M, and stated he will meet with the County Administrative Officer and Public Works to discuss his concerns.

Supervisor Balmain initiated discussion relative to funding for the Red Cloud Library Branch. Board concurred with funding \$4,000 for carpet and \$1,000 for shelving materials for the expanded space, and \$20,000 toward the building fund. Discussion was held relative to creating a separate interest-bearing account for the building fund.

Greg Iturria clarified that the amount budgeted for the 60% recreation program coordinator position includes benefits.

Board concurred with directing Public Works to come back with specific information on the vehicles proposed to be purchased with this budget.

Discussion was held relative to designating interest-bearing accounts for specific projects, especially those where public contributions are sought. Board concurred with having a separate interest-bearing account for the Greeley Hill Red Cloud Library Branch building fund and for the regional recreational facility/sports complex project.

It was clarified that the funding contributed for the animal control spay/neutering program is contingent upon receiving matching funds.

Board concurred with the budget changes in the Capital Improvement Project budget to balance the funds.

Discussion was held relative to the status of the State taking over the Court operations and facilities and fund balances. County Administrative Officer to further review these issues.

Discussion was held relative to the following pending issues:

Assessor/training and seminars funding – Board concurred with reviewing this issue at mid-year, if necessary.

Red Cloud Library Branch expansion/carpet – Board addressed this issue earlier this date.

Library/extra help – Board concurred with deferring this request, and with directing the Librarian to come back with a plan for keeping the main branch open an

extra day, including cost information. It was clarified that the additional extra help funding that was allocated to the budget is for the branches.

Yosemite/Sequoia Resource Conservation and Development/membership – Board concurred with allocating \$500 on a one-time basis.

Mountain Counties Water Association/membership – Supervisor Pickard suggested this be reviewed.

Planning/laptop computer – Greg Iturria advised that the request was withdrawn as the need has been satisfied.

Transit/Fair Shuttle – Discussion was held relative to the status of funding for this program and having a future policy discussion on this matter. Board concurred with moving \$3,000 from the Fair Shuttle line item and transferring it to the Communication line item, pending further review of the issues.

2:55 p.m. Recess

3:28 p.m. Chairman Balmain called for public comment and no input was provided.

Greg Iturria provided a status report relative to the fund balance.

Supervisor Stewart initiated discussion relative to funding for the Bridgeport Fire Station construction and the status of funding that would be needed for this fiscal year. Board concurred with deleting \$25,000 from the project.

Following discussion, Board concurred with its previous allocation of the January 2001, allocation of the Tobacco Settlement Funds to the sports complex.

Board approved the adjustments concurred to during the hearing process, and with placing the balance of \$109,587 in the General Contingency Fund.

Supervisor Pickard clarified that his earlier negative vote for the deputy fire chief position was relative to the process and not the position.

(M)Pickard, (S)Reilly, Res. 01-260 adopted approving the FY 2001-2002 Final Budget and authorizing certain actions in order to implement the budget; with adjustments as concurred to during the hearing process; approving the interfund transfers as recommended and adjusted; and adding \$109,587 to General Fund Contingency. Following discussion, motion was amended, agreeable with maker and second, to include authorization for the County Administrative Officer and the Auditor to make minor adjustments to balance the funds, as necessary. Supervisor Stewart asked about streamlining the budget process and tracking of changes in the future. Board members thanked staff for their efforts with the budget process. Supervisor Reilly requested that there be care and oversight of the budget in light of the uncertainty with the recent tragedies in New York. Board concurred with requesting staff to prepare a press release outlining the projects and programs that were funded. Ayes: Unanimous. Hearing was closed.

3:46 p.m. Adjournment

Respectfully submitted,

MARGIE WILLIAMS
Clerk of the Board



MARIPOSA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

CONFORMED AGENDA SEPTEMBER 18, 2001



Time Description

9:15 a.m. Meeting Called to Order
Pledge of Allegiance
Introductions

Public Presentations: For Non-Timed Agenda Items and for Items Not on the Agenda
- Candy O'Donel-Browne asked that the agenda item approving the class specification of Director of Economic and Community Development be scheduled for a specific time for the public to provide input. The Board concurred with considering this matter after the following items.

- Pelk Richards, Sheriff, asked that action be taken on an off-agenda matter to allow employees of the Department to donate vacation time to another employee that has suffered a family crisis and is out of time. The requested time to be allowed to be donated is not to exceed 80 hours total, and the request is being made at this time as the payroll is due to be submitted to the Auditor on the 20th and the matter was not known about at the time the agenda was prepared. (M)Pickard, (S)Reilly, Board waived rules requiring 72 hours agenda noticing to consider this matter, based on the information provided/Ayes: Unanimous. Following discussion, (M)Pickard, (S)Parker, Res. 01-261 adopted approving the request/Ayes: Unanimous.

- Supervisor Stewart requested that the public presentation portion of the agenda be extended to later this morning for the Board to look at an item that is enroute and should be here later this morning. He also encouraged members of the audience and tourism industry to stay to see this item.

- Chairman Balmain announced that the Board adopted the Final Budget for FY 2001-2002 on Monday.

- Joy Shultz, Account Executive with the Fresno Bee, commented on the County's advertising schedule, and she expressed concern with the lack of advertising for current events in the County and the impact that will have on tourism. Business owners have been trying to pick up some of the advertising that she feels should be done by the Visitors' Bureau. She noted upcoming events to celebrate the 100th anniversary of The Mariposa Hotel and Bertken Cottage and the Arts Council competition and the lack of advertising by the County. She further expressed concern with the need to advertise for the upcoming holiday season.

Adopt a Resolution Approving the Proposed Class Specifications of Director of Economic and Community Development, Allocating the Position to the New Economic and Community Development Department and Authorize the County Administrative Officer to Begin Recruitment at a Salary Range of \$51,000 to \$58,000 (County Administration and Personnel)

BOARD ACTION: Input from the public was provided by the following:

Kevin Shelton, member of the Tourism Advisory Council and Director of Sales for Yosemite Motels, stated he feels this position is a big position for the County and will require big shoes to fill, and they feel it is a two-person job. He feels that if only one person is hired, then either economic development or tourism will suffer; and he requested that the Board reconsider its position.

Jan Mennig, retired Executive Director for the Chamber of Commerce and Chairman of the Tourism Advisory Council and past President of the Chamber of Commerce, referred to his comments made during the final budget hearing on the Visitors' Bureau budget. He stated he feels that the revenue produced by the tourism industry and Visitors' Bureau should call for a full-time economic development and visitors bureau position. He feels there are two roles. He feels one person would be inappropriate for the welfare of the County and to the business community. He feels we need two people, and this will aid in the County achieving its goals – a tourism director and an economic development position.

Candy O'Donel-Browne, Economic Development Corporation (EDC) Director, gave some background on her efforts with the EDC, and she stated she feels the County needs to be closely aligned and to work with the community. She referred to funding that is available. She stated she feels we are in a critical emergency with the resignation of the Visitors' Bureau Director for marketing, and that the position needs to be filled. She agrees with having one person to head the department, but feels two highly skilled individuals are needed to carry out the economic development and tourism functions. She suggested the title of the department head be director of tourism and economic development, and could include community development.

Discussion was held relative to the recommendation and input provided, including the salary range, status of the 800 phone numbers, location of the office and interim measures to carry out the duties. Further discussion was continued for the following hearing to be opened.

10:02 a.m. Public hearing to set the supervisorial boundaries was opened and continued to after the following matter.

Further discussion was held relative to the tourism and economic development function. Supervisor Stewart stated he feels there is also a need for the function to handle coordination of events, in addition to the tourism, economic development and grant writing. (M)Parker, (S)Pickard, Res. 01-262 adopted approving the class specification for the director of the tourism and economic development function, with the County Administrative Officer to determine the title for the position; allocating the position to the new Economic and Community Development Department; authorizing the County Administrative Officer to begin recruitment at a salary range of \$51,000 to \$58,000, depending on a candidate's qualifications, as soon as possible; rescinding the Visitors' Bureau Director class specification; and directing that the new position be appointed by, report to, and serve at the pleasure of the County Administrative Officer/Ayes: Unanimous.

10:12 a.m. Greg Iturria, County Administrative Officer;
PUBLIC HEARING: The Purpose of This Hearing is to Set the Supervisorial Boundaries (Continued from 8-28-01)

BOARD ACTION: Greg Iturria presented the staff report and advised of the public hearing held on August 28th. He also advised that he requested the presence of the Planning Director for this hearing.

Public portion of the hearing was opened and input was provided by the following:

Ruth Sellers read her statement into the record. She asked about the redistricting process and whether the first and second reading of an ordinance was provided, and whether the timelines were adhered to. She asked several other questions about the process, including the definition of the ten- percent guidelines. She stated she has experienced disappointment in the lack of cooperation with the County government in trying to obtain information on this matter, and she requested a written response to her questions.

Bart Brown commented on his efforts to gather information from County staff and local, state and federal government agencies. He noted that last Friday he was advised of a map with information that was available – he stated that, apparently, the County has had this map for a long time. He commented on previous data and decisions to redistrict and the percentage of population changes since that time. He quoted from code sections relative to boundary adjustments, and advised of his research on these issues and the ten-percent rule. He read a list of questions and requested that answers be given verbally at the hearing so that the public is aware.

Jeff Green, County Counsel, advised of his contact with an election attorney in the Secretary of State's Office, and of his discussion relative to the population spread in the County and his experience regarding the law that governs these matters. He advised that there is no statutory scheme that describes the spread – just that the Board shall reapportion as even as possible. He referred to the case law and decisions the courts have made relative to the percentages of spread.

Dick Kunstman stated he feels the proposed spread is 12.7 percent and that is not allowable based on the staff report. He feels that if the Board keeps the present boundaries, it will be an arbitrary and capricious decision and in violation of the Constitution.

Joan Conlan, resident of Midpines, stated she is very disturbed that the questions posed by the public are not being answered. She feels they are important to the situation. She stated she feels there has been a dereliction of duty in this matter. She feels there are timelines and this process should have been handled in a way to serve the County better.

Ron Mackie stated he is a resident of supervisorial district five, and he was a census taker and has experience with this process. He stated he feels it is a goal of equal representation. Speaking as a member of MERG, he agreed with Bart Brown's request.

Bart Brown requested information on the election attorney that County Counsel spoke with to verify the information that was provided, and he asked whether answers would be given to his other questions.

Jeff Green responded to Bart Brown's question and advised that he spoke with Steven Trout, elections counsel for the Secretary of the State of California.

Public portion of the hearing was closed and the Board commenced with deliberations. Greg Iturria responded to questions from the Board relative to the staff work on this matter; and regarding timelines and options available to the Board. Jeff Green and Greg Iturria responded to questions from the Board as to what will happen if the Board does not meet the deadline for setting the boundary for the next election, and whether changes could be made in the future. Greg Iturria responded to an additional question relative to the twelve- percent spread that Dick Kunstman referred to. (M)Pickard, (S)Parker, Res. 01-263 adopted approving the existing supervisorial boundaries. Jeff Green advised that if any changes were made in the boundaries, it would require action by ordinance as the legal descriptions for the boundaries are included in the County Code. Staff responded to additional questions from the Board relative to future opportunities to change boundaries. Supervisor Reilly stated she feels the questions that were asked about the process should be answered, that the process should be defined as well as what was done, as this is an important matter. Supervisor Parker referred to a suggestion he made earlier in the process for a committee to be formed, perhaps with Supervisors Reilly and Pickard, to review these issues. Ayes: Balmain, Stewart, Parker, Pickard; Abstained: Reilly. Chairman Balmain requested that staff prepare a written response, as requested during the hearing. Hearing was closed.

11:04 a.m. Board recessed for members to look at and take a short ride in a trolley car.

11:46 a.m. Board reconvened.

Greg Iturria, County Administrative Officer;
CLOSED SESSION: Regarding Conference with County Labor Negotiator Relative to Service Employees International Union
BOARD ACTION: (M)Pickard, (S)Reilly, Board convened in closed session with all members present, and with Rick Bolanos, County labor negotiator, to be present/Ayes: Reilly, Balmain, Pickard; Excused: Stewart, Parker.

12:50 p.m. Recess

2:01 p.m. Chairman Balmain announced that direction was given to staff as a result of the closed session.

Eric Toll, Planning Director;
Presentation and Discussion with Bob Smith, Merced Planning Director and Other Representatives of Merced County and UC Merced Regarding UC Merced/University Community Plan and the Environmental Impact Reports (EIR)
BOARD ACTION: Chairman Balmain advised that the Merced County Board of Supervisors meeting ran longer than expected and that Bob Smith was unable to be present; however, attempts are being made to reschedule his portion of the presentation for next week. Eric Toll introduced Ric Notini/Environmental and Permitting Manager for UC Merced, and Larry Salinas/Director of Governmental Relations for UC Merced. Larry Salinas advised of the environmental review process and coordination of efforts. Ric Notini provided more detail on the two environmental impacts reports that were prepared for the UC Merced project, advising that Merced County is the lead agency for the community and the University is the lead for the campus portion. He also advised that the comment period has been extended to October 4, 2001, at 5:00 p.m. Discussion was held relative to the relocation of the campus site due to environmental concerns; and lack of discussion concerning La Paloma Road and very little relative to Mariposa County being included in the EIRs.

Input from the public was provided by the following:

Don Starchman, Starchman Law Offices, stated he is representing himself. He stated it is his understanding that some of the people who worked on the EIRs did not know that La Paloma Road existed. He feels this road will be used by construction workers, and students and staff with the opening of the campus. He asked for a show of hands from the audience to reflect the support for the use of La Paloma Road.

Supervisor Stewart commented on the historic value of La Paloma Road.

Candy O'Donel-Browne asked for the address to send comments on the EIRs.

Ric Notini advised that the EIRs are available on the web at www.ucmercedplanning.net, and he gave the post office address and email address for his office for submitting comments. He advised that comments could also be faxed to his office.

Bret Baumann, Catheys Valley Real Estate, stated they have worked with faculty and chancellors for UC Merced who are interested in property in Mariposa County. He stated he supports La Paloma Road to cut down on the commute, and he stated it should be improved and made accessible.

Bud Swift stated he has been in the cattle business in the County for over 45 years and he has seen many changes. He has changed his mind relative to the use of La Paloma Road. He can understand the problems the ranchers on the road face. However, with the University, he feels the road will need to be paved in both counties for the good of the economy. He feels that with increased traffic, there should be less vandalism for the ranchers.

Board members thanked Larry and Ric for coming to discuss this matter.

2:31 p.m. Recess

2:47 p.m. Eric Toll, Planning Director;

General Plan Workshop: Review and Give General Direction to Staff Related to the Guiding Principles for the General Plan Update (Continued from 8-28-01)

BOARD ACTION: Andy Hauge, Vice President for Parsons, was present to take notes and respond to questions. Eric Toll advised that the topic for discussion is defining infrastructure and to discuss the parameters that are important to target development to desirable locations; a summary of the Board's "penciled" concepts; and policy development: land use inventory.

Discussion was held. Supervisor Pickard stated he felt road maintenance and infrastructure for water and sewer should be considered. Supervisor Parker stated he feels that flexibility should be considered for those who need to sell a portion of land to take care of family needs. Discussion was held relative to the need to review the Road Improvement and Circulation Standards. Board concurred with considering a performance standards approach to subdivision. Eric advised that the Board could consider policies that would allow subdivisions to occur in a sequential basis, and that would accommodate situations that Supervisor Parker raised. He also advised that the Board could establish the number of parcel splits allowed under minor and major subdivisions. Discussion was held on these issues. Supervisor Stewart asked whether any information is available on our ground water resources. Andy Hauge stated they have not been able to get this information; some information is contained with well reports, but that is confidential. Supervisor Stewart commented on a situation where a parcel exceeds the minimum size for its zoning; however, the land owners have been unable to meet water/septic requirements to construct a home; and he stated he feels this needs to be considered when adopting policies.

The Board concurred with considering the remaining topics on September 25th.

Eric Toll stated he will draft a letter of response to the EIRs for the UC Merced and community for consideration on October 2nd.

Approval of Minutes 9-4-01 Regular Meeting

BOARD ACTION: Approved.

Approval of Consent Agenda (See End of Minutes)

BOARD ACTION: (M)Reilly, (S)Pickard, all items were approved/Ayes: Unanimous.

Board Information

- Supervisor Stewart commented on the trolley car tour the Board members took earlier this date.
- Supervisor Pickard advised of the RCRC meeting scheduled for Wednesday and the invitation to participate in a CalTrans planning strategy. He further advised that the Noxious Weed Committee is now known as "CalWAC" for California Weed Action Committee – the effort is to bring everyone working on noxious weed issues together to prevent overlaps in efforts. He advised that he was selected as Chair of the Committee.
- Supervisor Stewart advised that the YARTS meeting scheduled for October 1st has been cancelled.
- Greg Iturria, County Administrative Officer, advised that the closed session scheduled for collective bargaining on September 25th may be a working lunch meeting due to the agenda. He thanked the Board members for working hard on the budget process, and he thanked Mary Hodson/Administration-Staff Analyst, for her work. He stated he plans to be out of the office on Friday and Monday; and he commented on several conferences that are scheduled for next month, some of which are being hosted

by the County – CalTIA, RCRC, Bio-diversity Council, and the County Administrative Officers Conference.

- Supervisor Pickard suggested that the Board consider holding just a morning meeting on the Tuesday the RCRC Conference starts.

- Supervisor Stewart noted the San Joaquin Valley Supervisors Association Conference is scheduled for October 24th at Bass Lake; and CSAC is scheduled for the end of November.

- Greg Iturria also noted that the Cal LAFCo Conference and Personnel/Risk Management Conference is scheduled for this Fall.

- Supervisor Reilly stated she plans to attend the Sierra Business Council Conference in Sutter Creek.

CONSENT AGENDA

- CA-1 Adopt a Resolution Establishing the Tax Rate on the Yosemite High School Bond for the Secured Property Tax Roll of 2001-02 (Auditor); Res. 01-264
- CA-2 Approve the Establishment of Two Petty Cash Funds; One for the Dispatch Center for Animal License Fees, Impound Fees, and Fingerprinting Fees and the Second to be Used at the Animal Impound Facility for License and Impound Fees (\$200 each) (Sheriff); Res. 01-265
- CA-3 Appoint Holly Warner and Candace Harrison to the Mariposa County Mental Health Board (Human Services)

4:05 p.m. Adjournment in memory of Darrald Gordo, Edward A. Carstensen, Harold “Chief” Wilson Holderfield, and Silvia Osteen.

Respectfully submitted,

MARGIE WILLIAMS
Clerk of the Board



MARIPOSA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

CONFORMED AGENDA September 25, 2001



Time Description

9:12 a.m. Meeting Called to Order, with Supervisor Balmain excused.

Pledge of Allegiance
Introductions

Public Presentations: For Non-Timed Agenda Items and for Items Not on the Agenda – none.

Greg Iturria, County Administrative Officer, provided an update on the fire activity as a result of the lightening storm during the night.

9:16 a.m. Recess

9:20 a.m. Eric Toll, Planning Director;
General Plan Workshop: Review and Give General Direction to Staff Related to the Guiding Principles for the General Plan Update (Continued from 9-18-01)
BOARD ACTION: Eric Toll and Andy Hauge, Parsons Vice-President, were present to provide input and respond to questions. Eric advised that he plans to come to the Board every two or three weeks to provide an update on the status of the Planning Commission's work, and he noted that the process is on track to finish by next July.

Eric reviewed the Board's "penciled" concepts that were previously discussed. Eric advised that staff is proposing to use the land use map as the zoning map in the Update. He also advised that they propose to have three scheduled General Plan amendment hearings a year for the public's use; and the fourth amendment will be retained for use by the Board and to conduct an annual review of the Plan and for consideration of capital improvement projects.

Discussion was held relative to infrastructure, the need to have infrastructure in place to facilitate development and for new development; infrastructure to connect the County to the valley; and to encourage development in areas where infrastructure is the easiest to deliver.

Discussion was held relative to economic opportunity – creating opportunities for home ownership as a high priority; planning for economic growth in the short term/diversifying the economic base, intermediate term/identify long term opportunities and requirements for infrastructure and other needs, and long term/construct and implement and build infrastructure for economic diversification, and ensure that we have sites for economic growth.

Input from the public was provided by the following:

Barry Brouillette stated he is happy to hear these discussions. He cautioned that it is important to keep the community informed and up-to-date. He also suggested that allowance be made for reducing standards to increase affordability of housing with minimums and maximums; i.e., a different design speed requirement and phasing costs to allow for more affordability.

Greg Iturria, County Administrative Officer, responded to a question from the Board and stated he feels that, after the planning process, the goals and objectives that are

identified will need to be carried out, and he sees where a tourism/economic development department will assist with that.

Eric requested direction from the Board to authorize the Planning Commission and staff to prepare the elements of the update and bring them back to the Board for review and comments as they proceed, with using the concepts discussed as an umbrella and knowing the Commission is reviewing the 1981 Plan. Discussion was held. Supervisor Parker suggested staff have a discussion with the Commission with the details on an incentive program for projects that could help promote and support economic development issues in the County. Supervisor Pickard suggested that the Commission discuss UC Merced and how it might impact or help enhance goals of the General Plan, as well as the Yosemite Valley Plan and potential impacts. Supervisor Reilly asked about the involvement of the departments in this process, and she was advised that Planning has met with the departments and they have been apprised of what is going on with the General Plan. Further discussion was held relative to the process – Eric advised that staff will bring back information from the Commission and perhaps schedule a joint meeting with the Board and the Commission.

Supervisor Pickard asked about the Memorandum of Understanding with the National Park Service for Wawona in regard to the General Plan and the Specific Plan. Eric advised that they are working on this matter.

Approval of Consent Agenda (See End of Minutes)

BOARD ACTION: Item 1 was pulled at Public Work's request. (M)Pickard, (S)Reilly, balance of the items were approved/Ayes: Reilly, Stewart, Parker, Pickard; Excused: Balmain.

10:56 a.m. CLOSED SESSION: Regarding Conference with County Labor Negotiator Relative to Service Employees International Union (County Administrative Officer)

BOARD ACTION: (M)Pickard, (S)Reilly, Board to convene in closed session 11:45 a.m. with Rick Bolanos, labor negotiator, to be present/Ayes: Reilly, Stewart, Parker, Pickard; Excused: Balmain.

12:08 p.m. Board convened in closed session.

1:15 p.m. Lunch

2:19 p.m. Vice-Chairman Stewart announced that direction was given to staff as a result of the closed session.

Board Information

- Supervisor Pickard advised of a meeting he attended on transportation planning for 2025 as a joint effort between CalTrans and Office of Planning and Research.
- Vice-Chairman Stewart advised of the action taken earlier this date on the Consent Agenda.

2:30 p.m. LOCAL TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

Jim Petropulos, Public Works Director;

PUBLIC HEARING (Deliberation Phase): Discuss and Provide Direction Relative to Input Provided at the Unmet Transit Needs Hearing for 2001/2002 (Continued from July 17, 2001)

COMMISSION ACTION: Chair Reilly advised of the hearing held earlier this summer and of the determination made to fund a couple of projects, and she advised that input was received relative to schedule changes and enhancing YARTS services for transit dependent individuals – those requests were referred to the YARTS Board to refine the schedules. Subsequently, an appeal was received and it was pointed out that

the Commission did not follow the flow chart as outlined in the staff report to do the analysis. Thus, this portion of the hearing has been scheduled to complete the process. Amy Roberts, PWD/Transportation Planner, advised that two different letters are being considered which request YARTS service on weekends for Park employees, and request additional service throughout the day to enhance service transit dependent riders. She reviewed the process for considering these requests, and she advised that an earlier weekend run has been added to the YARTS service. Staff responded to a question from the Commissioners relative to the status of bus stops on Barium Mine Road. (M)Pickard, (S)Stewart, LTC Res. 01-14 adopted finding that there are no new unmet transit needs that are reasonable to meet, and finding that the previously identified needs will continue to be met. Staff responded to additional questions from the Commission relative to the source of the County's contribution to the YARTS system and as to whether the concerned citizens were notified of this hearing. Ayes: Reilly, Stewart, Parker, Pickard; Excused: Balmain. Hearing was closed.

Amy Roberts advised that the central transit number has been established as 966-RIDE (966-7433) and once the system has been tested, the number will be advertised. Discussion was held relative to the taxi service and the status of the County's subsidy. Commissioner Stewart commented on the various transit services and those that cross County boundaries. Jim Petropulos provided input.

2:49 p.m. Approve the Purchase of Sympro Software and License Agreement and Approve Budget Transfer of (\$4740) (4/5th's Vote Required) (Treasurer)
BOARD ACTION: Discussion was held with Greg Iturria, County Administrative Officer. Matter was continued to later this date.

3:00 p.m. Recess

3:10 p.m. Eric Toll, Planning Director;
Presentation and Discussion with Bob Smith, UC Merced Planning Director/Merced County UC Development Office and Other Representatives of Merced County and UC Merced Regarding UC Merced/University Community Plan and the Environmental Impact Reports (EIR)

BOARD ACTION: Vice-Chairman Stewart introduced Merced County Supervisors Kathleen Crookham and Gloria Cortez Keene, and Bob Smith. Supervisor Cortez Keene apologized for not being able to be present on September 18th. Bob Smith advised that the deadline to respond to the EIRs has been extended to October 4, 2001. He reviewed the change in the location of the site for the campus facilities and community development. He commented on the regulatory agencies involved in this process and the issues, and of their cooperation with Merced City and the Lake Yosemite Regional Park in planning the university. Bob responded to questions from the Board relative to the location of LaPaloma Road in relation to the campus site, the reason two EIRs were prepared to address this project, addressing growth impacts to the East of the campus, and relative to the status of the proposed Campus Parkway from Highway 99 to the campus. Eric Toll asked about the campus community and connection to Merced City.

Input from the public was provided by the following:

Don Starchman asked why the LaPaloma Road impacts were not addressed in the EIRs. He stated he feels construction workers for the campus and facilities and students will use LaPaloma Road, etc. He stated he feels this needs to be addressed.

Discussion was held relative to giving direction to the Planning Director to draft a response to the EIRs for the Board's approval. Supervisor Stewart commented on the proximity of LaPaloma Road to the campus and of its historical significance. Supervisor Crookham noted that some property owners want LaPaloma Road to remain the same, and they plan to keep a buffer with the Conservation Plan, and she thanked the Board for

inviting them to discuss these issues. Supervisor Parker stated he feels there could be a bottleneck issue with traffic circulation coming in and out of Merced from the City side. Supervisor Stewart asked about the Highway 59 connection. Board members thanked the Merced Supervisors and Bob Smith for coming.

4:04 p.m. Recess

4:12 p.m. The Sympro Software and License Agreement matter was continued to October 9, 2001 for discussion with the Treasurer.

CONSENT AGENDA

- CA-1 Adopt a Resolution of Intention of Summary Abandonment of a Portion of Henness Circle, a Dedicated Street Within Yosemite West Unit I Subdivision (Public Works); Matter was pulled by Public Works.
- CA-2 Adopt a Resolution Proclaiming September 24-28th, 2001 as “Employ the Older Worker Week” (Chairman Balmain); Res. 01-266
- CA-3 Appoint Susan Perkins (Patrick) and Jack David Smith to the Mariposa County Mental Health Board (Supervisor Reilly)

4:13 p.m. Adjournment in memory of Adam Neal Baker, Jr., Dorothy Boyer, Bertha English, Kay Olsen, and retired Sheriff’s Captain Rod Sinclair.

Respectfully submitted,

MARGIE WILLIAMS
Clerk of the Board