



# MARIPOSA COUNTY

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## **RESOLUTION - ACTION REQUESTED 2013-253**

MEETING: June 18, 2013

TO: The Board of Supervisors

FROM: Sarah Williams, Planning Director

RE: Application Endorsement

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### **RECOMMENDATION AND JUSTIFICATION:**

Adopt a Resolution Endorsing an Application for the Sierra Nevada Partnership Program/County of Mariposa Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Inventory; Approve a Participation Agreement with the Sierra Business Council, and Authorize the Board of Supervisors Chair to Sign the Agreement.

In order to meet deadline, the Planning Department prepared an application to participate in the program. In order to take advantage of this opportunity, it is requested that your Board adopt a resolution endorsing the application and approve the proposed agreement.

Please see the attached flyer and narrative for additional information on this program.

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

None related to this program. Mariposa County had to fund a Greenhouse Gas Inventory for preparation of the Catheys Valley Community Plan Draft EIR.

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

If the Board of Supervisors does not support this application, it can be withdrawn. Funding for a Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Inventory will be by county funds at some point in the future.

### **FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

**NONE**

### **ATTACHMENTS:**

- 3\_GHG Program Recruitment Flyer (PDF)
- 1\_130618 BOS Draft Resolution for Application (DOC)
- 2\_GHG Program Participation Agreement (PDF)
- 4\_130531 SBC Cover Letter\_Mariposa County (PDF)

- 5\_130531 SBC Narrative\_Mariposa County (PDF)
- 6\_130531 SBC Attachment 1\_Mariposa County (PDF)
- 7\_130531 SBC Attachment 2\_Mariposa County (PDF)
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- 9\_130531 SBC Attachment 4\_Mariposa County (PDF)
- 10\_130531 SBC Attachment 5\_Mariposa County (PDF)
- 11\_130605 SBC Attachment 6\_Mariposa County (PDF)

**CAO RECOMMENDATION**

  
Rick Benson, County Administrator/Office

**RESULT: ADOPTED BY CONSENT VOTE [UNANIMOUS]**  
**MOVER:** Janet Bibby, District III Supervisor  
**SECONDER:** Merlin Jones, District II Supervisor  
**AYES:** Stetson, Jones, Bibby, Cann, Carrier

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**STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
COUNTY OF MARIPOSA  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Resolution  
No. 13-253

**A Resolution Endorsing an Application for the Sierra Nevada Partnership Program / County of Mariposa Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Inventory and Authorizing the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors to Sign a Participation Agreement**

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WHEREAS, the Sierra Nevada Partnership Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Emissions Inventory and Energy/Climate Planning Program is intended for local governments that are proactive and need additional resources and funding support to meet their goals; and

WHEREAS, the program is made available to local governments and communities in the Sierra Nevada; and

WHEREAS, there are two funding options eligible under the program: Option 1 is to fund preparation of a GHG Inventory and Option 2 is to fund Development of an Energy Planning Document; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with program requirements, a GHG Inventory must be completed before a planning document can be prepared; and

WHEREAS, participation in the program does not mandate preparation of a planning document if the GHG inventory is completed; it just provides information necessary for preparation of that document should the local jurisdiction find it desirable or necessary to prepare one in the future; and

WHEREAS, Mariposa Planning reviewed the program purpose, background, available assistance, timeline, funding, eligibility and prioritization criteria, and application process and format; and

WHEREAS, Mariposa Planning contacted staff from other Sierra foothill counties which had received program funding and received positive feedback regarding the program; and

WHEREAS, the program provides jurisdictions with services and training and there is no financial match required from local jurisdictions which participate in the program; a commitment of staff time will be necessary; and

WHEREAS, the program is funded by California utility customers so Mariposa residents who are PG&E rate payers have already "paid into" the program; and

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WHEREAS, the deadline for applications for the program for 2013-2014 was May 31, 2013;  
and

WHEREAS, Mariposa Planning prepared and submitted an application for the program, considering information obtained from other county departments and the National Park Service; and

WHEREAS, members of the Board of Supervisors have received and reviewed a full copy of the submitted application package for the program; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors understands that, if successful, the GHG Inventory will be conducted using methodology and protocols developed by ICLEI – Local Governments for Sustainability; however no funding for the conduct of the GHG Inventory is from ICLEI. Funding is through PG&E’s Government and Community Partnership Program, which is funded by California utility customers and administered by PG&E under the auspices of the California Public Utilities Commission; and

WHEREAS, the application requirements include a “board/council letter of commitment or resolution, if available”; and

WHEREAS, the program requirements include a Partnership Agreement, which must be executed if the partnership funding is awarded to the County of Mariposa.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT the Board of Supervisors of the County of Mariposa does hereby adopt this resolution endorsing the County of Mariposa’s Application for the Sierra Nevada Partnership Program Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Inventory.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Board of Supervisors of the County of Mariposa is interested in the Sierra Nevada Partnership Program for the following major county-wide benefits:

- 1) Objective information will enable the public and decision makers to make educated decisions about energy efficiency programs in the future for cost savings for residents, business owners and visitors (lower energy bills and operating costs, potential coordination between governmental decision-makers for land use and transportation, improved air quality, and improved quality of life and quality of visitor experience).
- 2) Quantification and establishment of baseline emissions data is the first step in objectively evaluating a program or project’s reduction of GHGs.
- 3) The program enables general fund dollars to be used for other public purposes.

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- 4) There will be no direct costs to county residents; in fact, residents have already paid into funding for this program through their PG&E billings. Participation in the program is prudent.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Board of Supervisors of the County of Mariposa does hereby incorporate the entire Application for the Sierra Nevada Partnership Program County of Mariposa Greenhouse Gas Inventory by reference into the Resolution.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED THAT, if successful with the funding request, the Board of Supervisors of the County of Mariposa does hereby authorize the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors to sign the Sierra Nevada Partnership Program Participation Agreement for the 2013 Greenhouse Gas Inventory Program.

ON MOTION BY Supervisor Bibby seconded by Supervisor Jones, this resolution is duly passed and adopted this 18<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2013 by the following vote:

AYES: STETSON, JONES, BIBBY, CANN, CARRIER

NOES: NONE

EXCUSED: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE



Lee Stetson, Chair  
Mariposa County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:



Rene' LaRoche  
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Steven W. Dahlem  
County Counsel