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MARIPOSA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

MINUTE ORDER

TO: RESOLUTION FILE
FROM: MARGIE WILLIAMS, Clerk of the Board *MW*
SUBJECT: SB 673 (ESCUTIA) TOBACCO SETTLEMENT FUNDS
RESOLUTION NO. 00-270

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MARIPOSA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA,

ADOPTED THIS Order on July 18, 2000

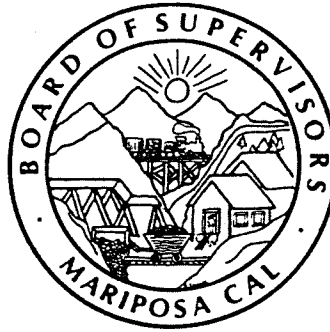
ACTION AND VOTE:

Board Information and Announcements

- Supervisor Stewart initiated discussion relative to the introduction of SB 673 regarding the Tobacco Settlement Funds. (M)Balmain, (S)Stewart, Board waived rules requiring 72 hours agenda noticing to consider this matter, finding it a matter of timeliness due to the pending legislation/Ayes: Reilly, Balmain, Stewart, Parker; Excused: Pickard. Further discussion was held relative to the need to approach this from a local control standpoint. Supervisor Stewart advised that he will work the Staff Analyst to draft a letter on this matter. Jeff Green, County Counsel, noted that based on the statistics the State used to settle the lawsuit, the County has spent more dollars than what is anticipated in revenue for these issues and the subject revenue could be considered reimbursement. (M)Balmain, (S)Stewart, Res. 00-270 adopted authorizing Chairman to sign a letter opposing SB 673/Ayes: Reilly, Balmain, Stewart, Parker; Excused: Pickard. Letter to be copied to RCRC and CSAC. Supervisor Reilly commented on the need to follow-up on the securitization issue for these funds.

cc: File

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July 19, 2000

The Honorable Martha Escutia
California State Senator
State Capitol, Room 5064
Sacramento, California 95814

RE: SB 673 (Escutia) As Amended June 29, 2000

OPPOSE

Dear Senator Escutia:

During their regularly scheduled meeting on July 18, 2000, the Mariposa County Board of Supervisors unanimously voted to oppose Senate Bill (SB) 673 as amended on June 29, 2000. The bill proposes to mandate that the state and local share of revenues from the Master Tobacco Settlement Agreement (MSA) be directed toward specific health care purposes.

California's Attorney General signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) in August 1998 that provides the opportunity for all counties to share in the proceeds from the MSA. The MOU further specifies that the MSA dollars are discretionary for local governments. SB 673 violates the MSA and inappropriately infringes upon local control.

With the availability of discretionary funds getting smaller it is imperative that counties be given the authority to spend the MSA dollars in a way that best meets the needs of their constituents. Mariposa County has been using general fund revenue for programs that try to lessen the health risks and problems caused by tobacco use. Consequently, other just as necessary and worthwhile programs have suffered. It is only fair that Mariposa County now have the opportunity to spend any funds received from the MSA in a manner that will benefit the specific needs and requirements of its citizens. We consider these funds as reimbursement of general fund monies spent by Mariposa County for health related services provided to the general public.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

GARRY R. PARKER
Chairman

GRP/mbh

cc: Board of Supervisors
Jeff Green, County Counsel
California State Association of Counties
Rural Council of Rural Counties
Dale Wagerman, Wagerman and Associates, Incorporated
Dick Monteith, California State Senator
George House, California State Assembly

bcc: Margie Williams, Clerk of the Board



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TO: SUPERVISOR BALMAIN
FROM: MARGIE WILLIAMS, Clerk of the Board 
SUBJECT: SIERRA NEVADA FOREST PLAN AMENDMENT DRAFT EIS

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ACTION AND VOTE:

3:37 p.m. Authorize Chairman to Sign Letter to the USDA Forest Service Relative to the Sierra Nevada Forest Plan Amendment Draft Environmental Impact Statement (Supervisor Balmain)

BOARD ACTION: Discussion was held. (M)Balmain, (S)Stewart, Res. 00-269 adopted approving the letter with changes to address the air quality issues and by attaching the letter from RCRC as an addendum, and by addressing the green salvage and requesting a ninety-day extension as requested by RCRC/Ayes: Reilly, Balmain, Stewart, Parker; Excused: Pickard.

cc: Jeff Green, County Counsel
Wain Johnson, Farm Advisor
Blaine Shultz, Fire Chief
Sarah Williams, Planning Manager
Jim Petropulos, Public Works Director
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