



MARIPOSA COUNTY

Board of Supervisors · 209-966-3222



RESOLUTION - ACTION REQUESTED 2016-512

MEETING: September 27, 2016

TO: The Board of Supervisors

FROM: Rosemarie Smallcombe, District I Supervisor

RE: Approve Letter of Support for the Yosemite West Property & Homeowners, Inc. Grant Application

RECOMMENDATION AND JUSTIFICATION:

Approve a Letter of Support for the Yosemite West Property & Homeowners, Inc. (YWPHI) Grant Applications to CAL FIRE for the Yosemite West Removal of Dead or Dying Tree and the Henness Ridge Wood Waste Removal Projects; and Authorize the Board of Supervisors Chair to Sign the Letter.

Like other communities in Mariposa County, Yosemite West is experiencing very high rates of tree mortality. The YWPHI, under the leadership of Kim O'Neil and Dr. John Mock, have organized their community to mitigate the high fire risk in Yosemite West. They have established a relationship with the Yosemite Sequoia Resource Conservation and Development Council (YS RC&DC) within which they coordinate preparation of grant applications and for which the YS RC&DC serves as fiscal sponsor. Ms. O'Neil and Dr. Mock have successfully pursued several grant funding opportunities in the past. Utilizing such funds, they coordinate with community members to ensure that the hazardous vegetation removal is conducted as efficiently and effectively as possible.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:

The Board has routinely approved letters of support for issues that it believes will benefit the citizens of Mariposa County.

ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

Do not approve the letter. Individual members of the Board may write their own letters of support.

ATTACHMENTS:

Yosemite West LoS 9-27-16 (DOC)

CAO RECOMMENDATION

Requested Action Recommended

Mary Hodson
Mary Hodson, CAO 9/22/2016

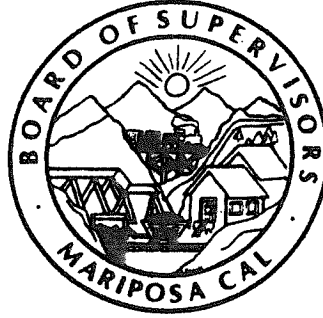
RESULT: ADOPTED BY CONSENT VOTE [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: Marshall Long, District III Supervisor

SECONDER: Rosemarie Smallcombe, District I Supervisor

AYES: Smallcombe, Jones, Long, Cann, Carrier

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California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection
Attention: Grants Management Unit/SRAFPF Grant
P.O. Box 944246, Sacramento, CA 94244-2460

Re: Project Tracking Number 16-MMU-0082
and Project Tracking Number 16-MMU-2004

Dear SRA-FPF Grants Management Unit:

The Mariposa County Board of Supervisors encourages CAL FIRE to approve the above referenced applications for the 2016-2017 State Responsibility Area Fire Protection Fund (SRAFPF) grant program submitted by Yosemite West Property & Homeowners, Inc. (YWPHI), on behalf of all property owners in Yosemite West, and its fiscal sponsor, the Yosemite/Sequoia Resource Conservation and Development Council (Y/S RC&D) for the "Yosemite West Removal of Dead or Dying Tree Project." and the "Henness Ridge Wood Waste Removal Project."

YWPHI is a community organization that represents approximately 70% of the property owners in Yosemite West. YWPHI is not a homeowners' association; it does not own any real property, and both membership and payment of dues is voluntary. YWPHI works to encourage community participation in beneficial projects and has an active Fire Safety Committee whose mission is to preserve Yosemite West's natural and built resources by educating and mobilizing all property owners to make their houses, lots and the community fire safe.

YWPHI, with the Y/S RC&D as its fiscal sponsor, has a success record of five National Fire Plan grants, a State Fire Assistance Grant, a PG&E Fuel Reduction Grant, and a 2015-16 CAL FIRE SRAFPF grant totaling more than \$660,000 since 2006, and remains capable of successfully implementing and administering fuel reduction projects. Despite all the previous fuel reduction work completed, the community urgently needs to address the severe tree mortality in Yosemite West, reduce stem density, and continue to increase defensible space around all habitable structures. Grant funding is essential for the scope of work in this project, and community members will continue to volunteer their time and effort to ensure successful completion of these important projects.

Sincerely,

John Carrier
Board Chair