

MARIPOSA COUNTY

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RESOLUTION - ACTION REQUESTED 2018-245

MEETING: June 12, 2018
TO: The Board of Supervisors
FROM: Rosemarie Smallcombe, District I Supervisor
RE: Ratify 3 Letters of Support for MCRCD Grant Proposals 17-FP-MMU-0029

RECOMMENDATION AND JUSTIFICATION:

Ratify Three Letters of Support for the Mariposa County Resource Conservation District (MCRCD) Grant Proposals. (Chair Smallcombe)

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:

Each of the letters is in support of an individual grant proposal. The proposals are entitled "Community Downed Tree Removal and Cleanup", "Mariposa County Roadside Hazardous Fuels Reduction Project", and "Community Wildfire Preparation Videos"

The "Community Downed Tree Removal and Cleanup" proposed program would address the need of Mariposa County residents for assistance in dealing with the overwhelming tree mortality in the area, reduce hazardous fuels and potentially provide biomass for local biomass plants.

The "Mariposa County Roadside Hazardous Fuels Reduction Project" proposed program would address the need of Mariposa County residents for hazardous fuels reduction, vegetation management and fuel breaks along non-County maintained roads.

The "Community Wildfire Preparation Videos" proposed collection of video instruction modules will be hosted on a You Tube video channel that can be accessed by anyone anywhere using a desktop, laptop, or tablet computer, or a smart phone. The central subject to be addressed in the library will be land management techniques for reducing the danger of wildfire in our forests.

ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

Do not approve the ratification of the letters of support and Mariposa County may not benefit from the programs.

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FINANCIAL IMPACT:

No financial impact

ATTACHMENTS:

Support for 17-FP-MMU-2016 (PDF)

RESULT: ADOPTED BY CONSENT VOTE [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: Merlin Jones, District II Supervisor

SECONDER: Marshall Long, District III Supervisor

AYES: Smallcombe, Jones, Long, Cann, Menetrey

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June 5, 2018

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

Dear Grant Manager:

RE: SUPPORT FOR 17-FP-MMU -0029

I am writing in behalf of the Mariposa County Board of Supervisors to convey our strong support for the Mariposa County Resource Conservation District (MCRCD) grant proposal 17-FP-MMU-0029 entitled "Community Downed Tree Removal and Cleanup." The proposed program would address the need of Mariposa County residents for assistance in dealing with the overwhelming tree mortality in the area, reduce hazardous fuels and potentially provide biomass for local biomass plants.

The MCRCD has a long history of working with partners in the area to provide education and programs for private landowners in Mariposa County, and has successfully administered state, federal and private grants. By removing downed dead trees from residents' property, this project will reduce hazardous fuels, protect homes from wildfire and provide a valuable service to Mariposa County residents.

We are pleased to support this project and encourage you to award a CCI Fire Prevention Grant allowing MCRCD to provide this critical service to the community.

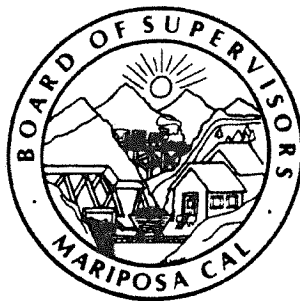
Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Rosemarie Smallcombe".

Rosemarie Smallcombe
Board Chair

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Dear Grant Manager:

RE: SUPPORT FOR 17-FP-MMU -2016

I am writing in behalf of the Mariposa County Board of Supervisors to convey our strong support for the Mariposa County Resource Conservation District (MCRCD) grant proposal 17-FP-MMU-2016 entitled "Mariposa County Roadside Hazardous Fuels Reduction Project." The proposed program would address the need of Mariposa County residents for hazardous fuels reduction, vegetation management and fuel breaks along non-County maintained roads.

Due to the overwhelming tree mortality in the area, there has been a lack of resources to address all the projects necessary to reduce hazardous fuels, protect homes and businesses, and preserve access for residents and firefighters along non-County maintained roads. This project is desperately needed in Mariposa County.

The MCRCD has a long history of working with partners in the area to protect and preserve the resources of private land owners. The organization has managed multiple state, federal and private grants to implement programs and projects that benefit both the resources and the residents of Mariposa County. This project will result in immediate and long-term benefit to the landowners in Mariposa County and will reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions in the state by reducing the risk of catastrophic wildfire.

We are pleased to support this project and encourage you to award a CCI Fire Prevention Grant to MCRCD to provide this important roadside hazardous fuels reduction project.

Sincerely,

Rosemarie Smallcombe
Board Chair

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Dear Grant Manager:

RE: SUPPORT FOR 17-FP-MMU -0028

I am writing in behalf of the Mariposa County Board of Supervisors to convey out strong support for the Mariposa County Resource Conservation District (MCRCD) grant proposal 17-FP-MMU-0028 entitled "Community Wildfire Preparation Videos". The proposed collection of video instruction modules will be hosted on a YouTube video channel that can be accessed by anyone anywhere using a desktop, laptop, or tablet computer, or a smartphone. The central subject to be addressed in the library will be land management techniques for reducing the danger of wildfire in our forests.

The MCRCD has a long history of working with partners in the area to provide educational workshops and materials to residents of Mariposa County, and has a large library of PowerPoint presentations that have been created collaboratively with CAL FIRE, US Forest Service, National Resource Conservation Service, University of California Cooperative Extension and others. By producing video modules of these presentations, the number of private land owners who can access the information will be greatly expanded. This will allow more residents to be well informed about techniques to reduce the danger of wildfire and protect their homes and property.

This project will result in immediate and long-term benefit to the landowners in Mariposa County, and potentially to those in other parts of California. We are pleased to support this project and encourage you to provide a CCI Fire Prevention Grant allowing MCRCD to provide this important educational opportunity.

Sincerely,

Rosemarie Smallcombe
Board Chair