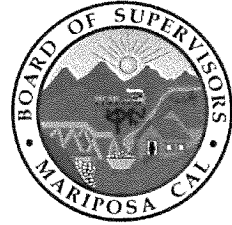




MARIPOSA COUNTY

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RESOLUTION - ACTION REQUESTED 2019-8

MEETING: January 8, 2019
TO: The Board of Supervisors
FROM: Miles Menetrey, District V Supervisor
RE: Letters of Support for RCD for Two Grant Applications.

RECOMMENDATION AND JUSTIFICATION:

Approve Two Letters of Support for Mariposa Resource Conservation District's Submission of Two Grant Applications; and Authorize the Board of Supervisors Chair to Sign the Letters

CAL FIRE Forest Health Grant:

This program awards Greenhouse Gas Reduction Funds to implement projects that seek to proactively restore forest health to reduce greenhouse gases by implementing:

- Reforestation
- Fuel reduction and prescribed fire
- Pest management
- Biomass utilization
- Research

Projects that implement a mix of these activities with multiple partners will be given priority.

Department of Conservation Watershed Coordinator Grant:

This program funds watershed coordinator positions to develop and implement watershed improvement plans consistent with the recommendations of the Forest Carbon Plan and Executive Order B-52-18. Watershed coordinators will facilitate watershed-scale collaborations, promote integrated watershed management efforts, and support local implementation activities to restore resilience to forestlands.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:

The Board has approved letters in support of other efforts that will benefit the County or its residents.

ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

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

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ATTACHMENTS:

County Support Letter (DOCX)

CCI FH Cooperator Letter Template Mariposa County (DOCX)

RESULT: ADOPTED BY CONSENT VOTE [UNANIMOUS]

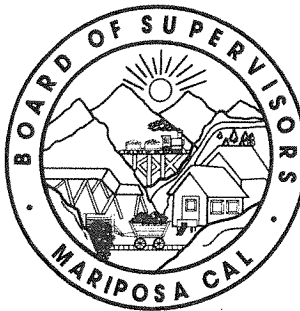
MOVER: Rosemarie Smallcombe, District I Supervisor

SECONDER: Kevin Cann, District IV Supervisor

AYES: Smallcombe, Jones, Long, Cann, Menetrey

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January 8, 2019

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

Dear Grant Manager:

**RE: 18-CCI-FH-011-MMU
Southern Sierra All Lands Restoration and Recovery Mariposa County Project
Cooperator Letter**

The County of Mariposa is a cooperating partner in the Southern Sierra All Lands Restoration and Recovery Mariposa County Project grant application submitted by the Mariposa County Resource Conservation District. This project is part of the larger Southern Sierra All-Lands Restoration and Recovery Program which is a collaborative effort that includes multiple public and private land owners and managers as well as research that will aid in understanding and mitigating the effects of climate change on our forests.

The southern portion of the Sierra Nevada Mountains has been hard hit by the effects of climate change. Our lands have been impacted by multi-year extreme drought conditions, massive tree mortality, an increase in the number and severity of wildland fires, and destructive flooding and erosion attributable to changing weather patterns and a changing landscape. These challenges far exceed the resources available to address them.

The County of Mariposa will contribute to this project specifically by removing hazard trees and hazardous fuels from along County maintained roads and converting the dead pool carbon into energy by disposing of it at a biomass facility. These projects meet the objectives of the Climate Change Initiative Forest Health program for CAL FIRE, as well improving public safety, and restoring some of the most important forest lands and headwaters in the State of California.

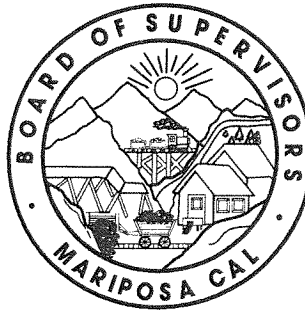
The Southern Sierra All Lands Restoration and Recovery Program is an excellent example of protecting and preserving local resources in a collaborative way that provides multiple benefits. The research component of CCI-FH-011-MMU will be used to strategically plan and implement future large landscape forest health projects in the region.

Sincerely,

Miles Menetrey
Board of Supervisors Chair

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Department of Conservation
Division of Land Resource Protection
Watershed Coordinator Program Manager

Dear Grant Program Manager:

SUPPORT FOR MARIPOSA COUNTY RCD APPLICATION

The County of Mariposa is pleased to support the Mariposa County Resource Conservation District's application for the Forest Health Watershed Coordinator grant program.

We believe that Mariposa County would benefit greatly from having a fully funded Watershed Coordinator to develop a Forest Health Watershed Plan to build on the ongoing countywide efforts to collaborate, plan strategically, develop projects, and obtain funding to meet the critical forest health needs of the region.


Mariposa County is one of the hardest hit counties in the Sierra Nevada, suffering from the consequences of drought, tree mortality, and catastrophic wildfires since 2012. From 2002 to 2012, when Mariposa County received Watershed Coordinator funding from the Department of Conservation, the Mariposa County RCD implemented a successful program that organized stakeholders, prioritized projects, spurred the creation of the Upper Merced River Watershed Council, and secured \$1.4 million dollars to implement projects. Renewed funding will provide the opportunity to re-establish and expand on those previous successes.

The Mariposa County RCD is the best candidate to implement a Watershed Coordinator program and develop a Forest Health Watershed Plan for Mariposa County. The RCD has been active and engaged in encouraging and facilitating cooperative solutions to local resource conservation issues and problems, and participates in many current collaborative efforts to address forest health and watershed improvement: including leading the Integrated Regional Water

Management program and Forestry and Fuels Reduction committee, the Tree Mortality Task Force, the Southern Sierra All-Lands Restoration and Recovery collaborative, the Southwest Interface Team (SWIFT), and the Fire Planning ad hoc committee working to update the Countywide Community Wildfire Protection Plan. The RCD has been managing multiple grants and programs valued at more than \$10 million over the past five years.

We encourage you to award a Forest Health Watershed Coordinator grant to the Mariposa County Resource Conservation District for the benefit of the forests, watersheds and residents of Mariposa County.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Miles Menetrey". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Miles Menetrey

Board of Supervisors Chair