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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS - COUNTY OF MARIPOSA
RESOLUTION NO. 73-99


BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Mariposa hereby endorses the Mariposa County Health Department's moratorium on building in the town of Coulterville.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Mariposa on the 25th day of September, 1973 by the following vote:

- AYES: Davis, Hurlbert, Long, Moffitt, Richardson
- NOES: None
- ABSENT: None
- NOT VOTING: None


Chairman of the Board

ATTEST:


Ellen P. Ritter, County Clerk
and ex-officio Clerk of the Board

July 5, 1973

Mr. Bill B. Dendy, Executive Officer
State Water Resources Control Board
1416 9th. Street
Sacramento, California

Subject: Coulterville Sewage
Collection System

Gentlemen:

Earlier this year this office provided supportive data in the form of water sample results, survey results, a map indicating trouble spots and a letter, all of which was designed to support the request for State and Federal Cooperation in providing a sewerage system for the town of Coulterville, Mariposa County. At this time I am writing to reiterate what has already been said and to further emphasize our feeling of the importance and urgency of the Coulterville project. Another summer has almost gone by and shortly winter will be here with the usual rainfall. Again, raw sewage will be discharged into Maxwell Creek and, from there, into Lake McClure. Every person using water from Maxwell Creek could be affected as could numerous tourists who camp along the creek, pan gold in the creek, and visit the town of Coulterville. (see attached memo) In addition, the thousands of persons who visit Lake McClure to swim, fish, or just camp near the lake could be affected.

A public sewage treatment and collection system, for the Coulterville area is the only reasonable and proper solution to the problem. It will not only protect Maxwell Creek and the downstream users, it will then make it feasible for a safe, potable water supply to be provided the people of Coulterville and the visitors to the area from throughout California and the Nation. The water systems, now highly contaminated, cannot possibly be made safe as long as the current sewage problem exists. Funding of the treatment facility has been approved, in concept, and funds should be available soon. However, the treatment facility is of little value without a collection system to carry sewage to the facility. Prompt, positive action is needed now so this problem can be corrected this year. Time is of the utmost importance. It has been allowed to drift too long already. We have been fortunate, thus far, in avoiding a serious outbreak of disease as a result of the situation. I trust we will not have to depend on luck any longer but, with your assistance, we will see work begin on a Coulterville Sewerage System in the very near future.

It appears to this office, in view of the very serious public health hazard potential involved and the fact that this office has decreed that no further building permits will be approved in the area of the proposed project (none have been approved for approximately two (2) years) that this project qualifies fully for Priority Class B as defined in your memo of May 31, 1973, entitled, "Notice to all agencies seeking Clean Water Grants in fiscal year 1973-74 and subsequent fiscal years".

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Your concurrence and support of our position will be appreciated by all concerned.

Respectfully,

JRT/db

cc: Larry Walker, Assist Div. Chief
Mgr. Clean Water Grant Program
Daryl Smith - R.W.Q.C.B.
Ben Lusk - Koretsky-King
Board of Supervisors

John R. Thomson, R.S.
County Sanitarian