

1 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS - COUNTY OF MARIPOSA

2 RESOLUTION NO. 70-78

3 WHEREAS: On September 28, 1970 there was a complete cut-off
4 of electrical service in a major portion of Mariposa County and
5 Yosemite National Park for eight hours, and

6 WHEREAS: This "blackout" was caused by a brush-land fire in
7 Hunters Valley during an extremely high fire index period, and

8 WHEREAS: The water supply of most residents of Mariposa
9 County are individual pressure systems which are dependent on an
10 electrical supply, and

11 WHEREAS: The lack of water supply compounds the danger dra-
12 matically during high fire hazard periods, and

13 WHEREAS: Most businesses are dependent on electricity to
14 carry on thru normal activities and a loss of power is a tremen-
15 dous loss of productivity, services, and time, and

16 WHEREAS: The high tension line through Hunters Valley and
17 the Merced River canyon is the only supply of electricity for a
18 substantial portion of Mariposa County and Yosemite Park and is
19 in an area that is highly susceptible to both wild fires and
20 serious snow conditions, and

21 WHEREAS: Electrical service was established only after hero-
22 ic efforts by both fire fighters and Pacific Gas and Electric Co.
23 Employees,

24 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: In order to avert a future dis-
25 aster to Mariposa County, that an alternate supply of electricity
26 be provided by the Pacific Gas and Electric Co. for Mariposa
27 County,

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: Such Alternate supply should come
29 from the South or West to be truly effective;

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: This alternate supply should be
31 constructed as soon as physically possible,

32 ALSO, BE IT RESOLVED: The Board of Supervisors of the

1 County of Mariposa do congratulate the men of the State Division
2 of Forestry and the Pacific Gas and Electric Co. and volunteers
3 for a job well done under difficult conditions, and

4 ALSO, BE IT RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be sent
5 to the local Pacific Gas and Electric Office; Pacific Gas and
6 Electric Division Headquarters, Merced; Pacific Gas and Electric
7 Corporate Offices, San Francisco; and the California Public
8 Utilities Commissioner, San Francisco.

9 PASSED AND ADOPTED this 29th day of September, 1970 by the
10 following vote:

11 AYES: Hurlbert, Long, Moffitt, Richardson

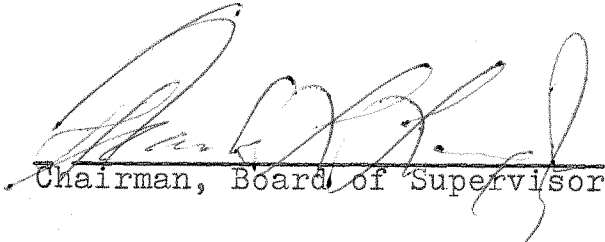
12 NOES: None

13 ABSENT: Davis

14 NOT VOTING: None

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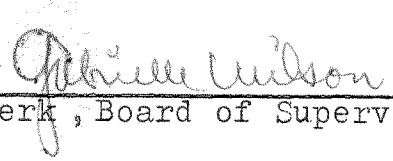
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Chairman, Board of Supervisor

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Clerk, Board of Supervisors

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