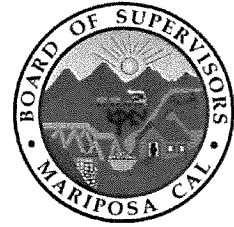




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RESOLUTION - ACTION REQUESTED 2019-475

MEETING: August 13, 2019
TO: The Board of Supervisors
FROM: Fadzayi Mashiri, Farm Advisor
RE: Memorandum of Understanding

RECOMMENDATION AND JUSTIFICATION:

Approve a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Between the Regents of the University of California (UC) Mariposa Cooperative Extension and Mariposa County Regarding the Native Demonstration Garden at Mariposa Creek Between 6Th and 8Th Streets on Stroming Road; and Authorize the Board of Supervisors Chair to Sign the Agreement.

For many years, the University of California Master Gardeners of Mariposa County has had a native demonstration garden at Mariposa Creek between 6th and 8th Streets on Stroming Road. The last MOU between the parties, under which the Master Gardeners operated, expired on September 30, 2009.

It should be noted that the MOU now before the Board does not change any aspects of the current arrangement but defines the roles and responsibilities of both entities. The County has been very helpful in supplying repair work at the garden and its staff has helped greatly in developing an irrigation system that will connect with the County's water already in place. However, the above-ground irrigation system was severely damaged during the flooding caused by the March, 2018, storms and, to prevent loss of garden plants, must now be replaced.

In order for the UC Master Gardeners to use their funds toward improving and maintaining irrigation lines at the demonstration garden, the UC Regents require that an MOU be in place between Mariposa County and the UC Master Gardeners of Mariposa County. Consequently, it is again necessary to formalize the parties' responsibilities and expectations.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:

The last agreement on file with the UC was approved in 2008 with resolution 08-370, was amended on June 16, 2009, and expired on September 30, 2009.

ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

Do not approve, and the Master Gardeners will not be able to procure any new irrigation for the native demonstration garden which will most likely result in the death of many of the plantings.

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ATTACHMENTS:

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING-Master Gardener Mariposa Creek
(DOCX)**

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: Rosemarie Smallcombe, District I Supervisor

SECONDER: Merlin Jones, District II Supervisor

AYES: Smallcombe, Jones, Long, Cann, Menetrey