

DEPARTMENT: Board of Supervisors

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RECOMMENDED ACTION AND JUSTIFICATION:

Adopt a Resolution supporting that the Hornitos Post Office remain open. The United States Postal Service (USPS) is currently assessing a Post Office Replacement Model in which several Post Offices will be considered for closure or moving existing Post Offices to a retail venue – Village Post Office Model as cost saving measures. The Hornitos Post Office is being assessed for this purpose. It is critical that the Hornitos Post Office remain open as it has historically been the main communication center for Hornitos and surrounding areas since 1856. Additionally, Hornitos is entirely a vote by mail precinct and depends on USPS for prescriptions by mail, agricultural reporting, personal business transactions, and health and safety notifications.

A meeting hosted by the USPS is scheduled for December 8, 2011, at 5 P.M. at the Hornitos Stag Hall. The 30-day comment period regarding the Hornitos Post Office will also begin on this date.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:

The Board recently adopted a Resolution supporting keeping the Fish Camp Post Office open.

ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

Do not adopt the Resolution. Individual Board members may draft their own letters of support, which may not carry the same weight as a resolution adopted by the entire Board.

Financial Impact? () Yes (X) No	Current FY Cost: \$	Annual Recurring Cost: \$
Budgeted In Current FY? () Yes () No () Partially Funded		
Amount in Budget: \$ _____		List Attachments, number pages consecutively
Additional Funding Needed: \$ _____		Resolution
Source:		
Internal Transfer _____		
Unanticipated Revenue _____ 4/5's vote		
Transfer Between Funds _____ 4/5's vote		
Contingency _____ 4/5's vote		
() General () Other		

CLERK'S USE ONLY:

Res. No.: 11-561 Ord. No. _____
Vote - Ayes: 5 Noes: _____
Absent: _____
AW Approved
() Minute Order Attached () No Action Necessary

The foregoing instrument is a correct copy of the original on file in this office.

Date: _____
Attest: MARGIE WILLIAMS, Clerk of the Board
County of Mariposa, State of California

By: _____
Deputy

COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER:

Requested Action Recommended
 No Opinion
Comments:

CAO: [Signature]

MAR. JSA COUNTY RESOLUTION NO. 561
SUPPORTING THE HORNITOS POST OFFICE TO REMAIN OPEN

WHEREAS, the Hornitos Post Office has continually served the community of Hornitos since 1856 and is the only government operated building within Hornitos; and

WHEREAS, Hornitos is located 20 minutes from Catheys Valley which is the closest community located in Mariposa County and creates a great hardship to community members as public transportation opportunities are lacking; and

WHEREAS, the Hornitos Post Office currently serves approximately 180 residents, and 134 registered voters within a mail only precinct (No. 3002), and is necessary for receiving and returning ballots during elections; and

WHEREAS, the Hornitos Post Office provides daily dependable communications in an area where there is no available cell phone coverage, and routinely experiences extended telephone outages, resulting in limited opportunities for internet service; and

WHEREAS, Mariposa County's publication of record the Mariposa Gazette, is delivered weekly through the Hornitos Post Office and provides the only available distribution to Hornitos; and

WHEREAS, Hornitos depends on the Postal Service for business and residential transactions, banking, economic development, State and Federal reporting, tax filing, School District notifications, licensing renewals, Jury Summons, Financial Assistance, emergency notifications; and

WHEREAS, the Hornitos Post Office provides an aging population and medical dependent community with uninterrupted mail order prescriptions with the closest pharmacy located 30 minutes away in the town of Mariposa; and

WHEREAS, Hornitos is primarily an agriculture community depending on agricultural supplies received through the Postal Service; and


WHEREAS, the Village Post Office Model is unrealistic in Hornitos as there are currently only two businesses (a historic bar and a seasonal store) and both have irregular hours of operation.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Mariposa County Board of Supervisors supports that the Hornitos Post Office remain open and that it be removed from the list of potential closures by the United States Postal Service.

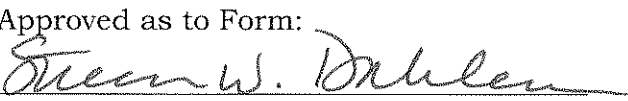
PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of Mariposa County, a political subdivision of the State of California, this 15th day of November, 2011, by unanimous vote:



JIM ALLEN, Chairman

Attest:


MARGIE WILLIAMS, Clerk of the Board

Approved as to Form:


STEVEN W. DAHLEM, County Counsel