

DEPARTMENT: Public Works

BY: Allen Toschi

PHONE: 966-5356

RECOMMENDED ACTION AND JUSTIFICATION:

Approve the Merco Cycling Classic Bike Race to be held on Thursday March 3, 2011 and require that a certificate of insurance be issued naming Mariposa County as additional insured. Event to be held from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm on Merced Falls Road, Hornitos Road and Lake McClure Road. Northbound traffic on Merced Falls Road will be detoured onto J59 North during the race. Southbound Merced Falls Road traffic will be delayed approximately 5-10 minutes during the race.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:

In the past, the Board has approved similar events such as the AMGEN Tour, Healing Nations Races and the VeloPromo Races. The Merco Cycling Classic has been held in Merced County since the 1990's and this year they would like to expand the race onto Merced Falls Road.

Public Works' approval of this encroachment is subject to the following conditions in addition to our standard encroachment permit conditions:

1. Obtain approvals from Merced County for traffic control and road closures in Merced County.
2. Obtain approval from CHP for traffic control during the event.
3. Obtain an encroachment permit from Merced Irrigation District for road closures within their jurisdiction.
4. All signing, traffic control and notification (pre-race and during race) shall be provided in accordance with Public Works requirements (attached).

ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

Do not approve, the race will be cancelled.

Financial Impact? () Yes () No Current FY Cost: \$

Annual Recurring Cost: \$

Budgeted In Current FY? (X) Yes () No () Partially Funded

Amount in Budget: \$ _____

List Attachments, number pages consecutively

Additional Funding Needed: \$ _____

1. Letter dated Nov. 17, 2010 from Race Director.

Source:

2. Details of route, traffic control and map.

Internal Transfer _____

3. County's conditions for the event

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.: 11-45 Ord. No. _____

Vote - Ayes: 5 Noes: _____

Absent: _____

MW Approved
() Minute Order Attached () No Action Necessary

COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER:

Requested Action Recommended

No Opinion

Comments:

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: _____

CAO: 

Lee Shuemaker
13080 Sylva Lane
Sonora CA 95370
209.743.1649
November 17, 2010

Office of the Sheriff-Coroner
Mariposa County
P.O. Box 276
Mariposa CA 95338

To Whom It May Concern:

The purpose of this letter is to provide more information and details regarding the bicycle race to take place in Merced/Mariposa counties between the dates of 3/3/11 and 3/6/11. The attached application is requesting use of roads within Mariposa County on 3/3/11.

The Merco Cycling Classic was started in the early 1990's and has been held every year since then in Merced County. The race has consisted of 2 separate races, one taking place in downtown Merced and another taking place on the roads west of Snelling CA. This year we would like to expand the race to 4 days.

The new proposed race course includes Merced Falls road, Hornitos Road, and Lake McClure road. There is an access road between Lake McClure road and Merced Falls road that we are planning to use and are working with MID to gain access. We are also submitting a permit request with Merced County.

We are requesting Full closure of the roads for this race, but have come up with a plan to allow traffic through the course south bound on Merced Falls road when clear and also from the intersections of Merced Falls road/Hornitos road and Hornitos road/Lake McClure road. This will be coordinated by CHP/Sheriff during the race. We will need to detour North bound traffic on Merced Falls road onto J59 for the duration of the race. Race Duration will be approximately 3.5 hrs. We will need an additional 30-60 minutes to clear roads of all traffic and close down the course. Start time will be between 9:00am-12:00pm pending coordination between Merced County and MID.

Parking and registration will be at the MID lots and portable bathrooms will be provided at this location. A minimum of 1 ambulance will be positioned on the course during the event. Insurance will be provided in the amount of \$1,000,000 with Mariposa County named as an also insured.

Historical information about the race can be found at www.mercocyclingclassic.com. All information regarding the 2011 race will be located at www.topsportcycling.com. New Site has not been updated for 2011.

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Attachment
ATTENTION #1

[Recipient Name]
November 17, 2010
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Please contact me via phone or email for further information.

Sincerely,

Lee Shuemaker
Race Director
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209.743.1649

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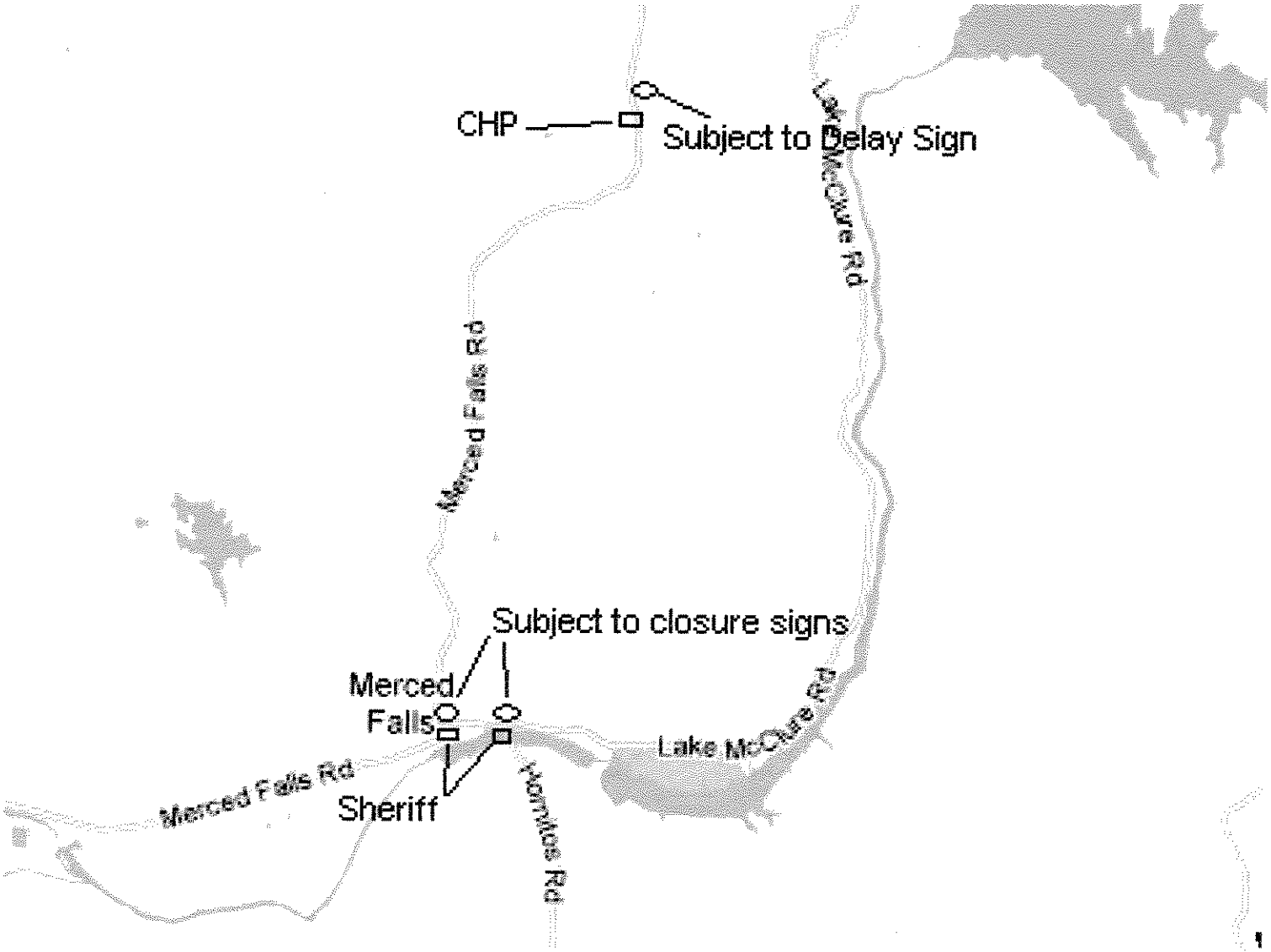
Traffic Plan for Merco Cycling Classic Thursday March 3rd 2011

For Thursday March 3rd, 2011 the Merco Cycling Classic is requesting the use of public roads consisting of Merced Falls Road, Hornitos road and Lake McClure road. For the hours 9am-3pm we are requesting full or partial closure following the plan listed below:

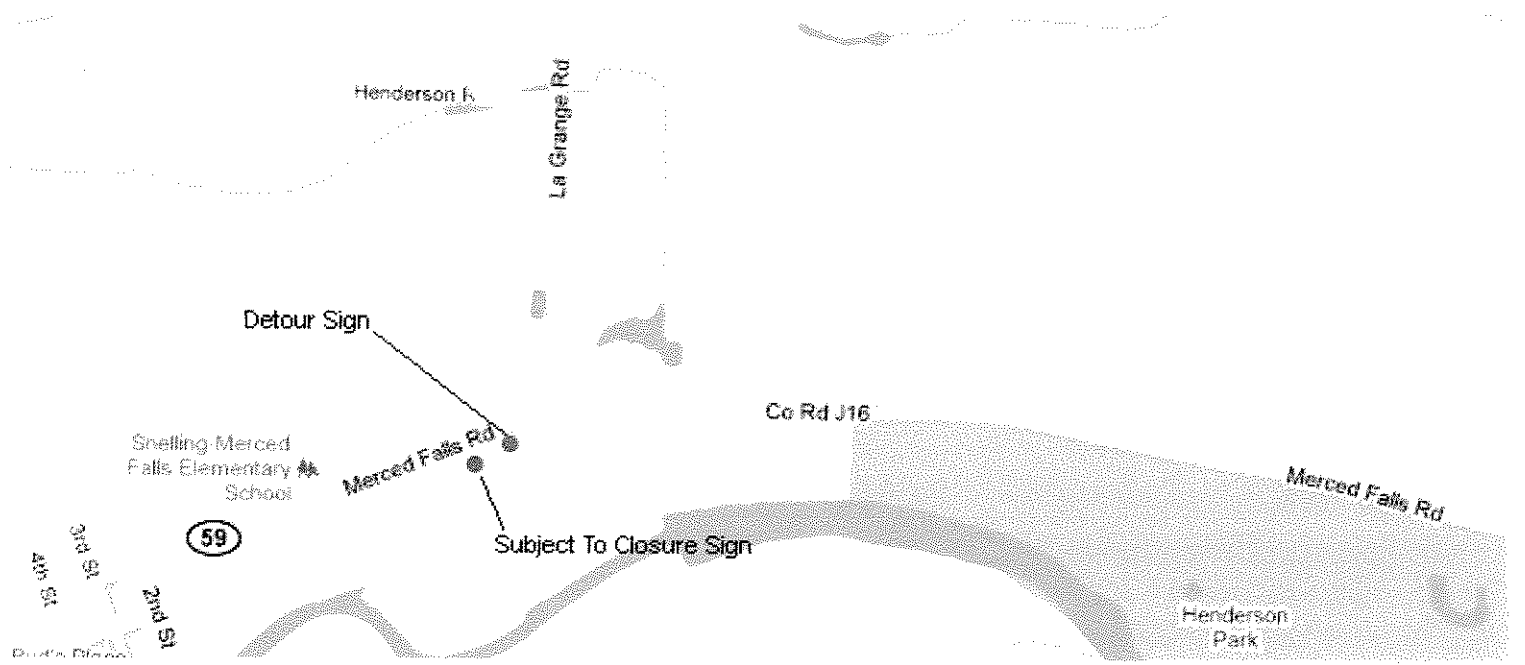
- 1) North Bound Traffic on Merced Falls Road will be detoured onto J59 North. Detour Signs will be placed at the intersection of J59 and Merced Falls Road as well as a notification sign listing the time of the road closure. Merced County Sherriff will be located at the intersections of Merced Falls/Hornitos Road and the intersection of Hornitos Road/Lake McClure Road.
- 2) South Bound Traffic on Merced Falls road will be Delayed a maximum of 5-10 minutes. There will be lead and follow vehicles for both groups of racers (Pro Men and Women). Once the main group of both fields has passed along with the follow vehicles, any local traffic headed south on Merced Falls Road will be allowed to follow the race vehicles. All racers that are no longer able to keep up with the main field will be instructed to ride to the right side of the road so that local traffic can overtake. If the main fields are on the other side of the course there will be zero to minimal delay for local traffic. They may be stopped and given brief instructions on how to proceed.
- 3) For traffic headed East/West from the intersections of Merced Falls road/Hornitos road and Hornitos road/Lake McClure road the same rules will apply as listed in #2 above. When the main fields and lead/follow race vehicles have passed they will be instructed how to proceed. Maximum Delay of 5-10 minutes.
- 4) As requested by Mariposa County, Topsport Cycling will Place 3 notification signs along the route. One will be placed near J59 intersection, one at the bridge/Hornitos road intersection, and one at the Hornitos Road/Merced Falls Rd intersection. Signs will be posted at least 10 days prior to the event. Signs will read "Merced Falls Road Subject to Closure on Thursday March 3rd 2011 from 9:00am to 1:30pm"
- 5) 1 sign will be placed at Merced Falls road/Lake access road that reads "Special Event Traffic Subject to Delay March 3rd 2011 9:00am to 1:30pm"
- 6) Detour Signs will be placed along Detour Route Guiding traffic around the North Bound Merced Falls road closure.

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Attachment
ATTENTION #2



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COUNTY of MARIPOSA



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Director

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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

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Cemeteries	County Surveyor Design &
Construction	Engineering
Facilities	Parks & Rec.
Roads	Solid Waste
Transportation	Fleet Maintenance

January 26, 2010

Lee Shuemaker
Top Sport Cycling
13080 Sylva Lane
Sonora, CA 95370

Dear Mr. Shuemaker,

Regarding the upcoming event, Merco Cycling Classic, to be held on March 3, 2011 are the following conditions that Mariposa County requires:

1. Event holder must provide proper traffic control at all times during the event.
2. Signage, per attached copy, must be in place 10 days prior to the event.
3. Trash and/or debris directly from the event must be removed immediately after the event.
4. Event holder to provide a Certificate of Liability Insurance to Mariposa County.
5. Event holder must remove signage directly after the event.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 209-966-5356.

Sincerely,

Darlene Benson
Mariposa County Public Works

**Merced Falls Rd Will Be
Subject To Closure
March 3, 2011
9:00 am To 1:30 pm**

Post 3 signs: One near J59 intersection, one at bridge/Hornitos Rd intersection, and one at Hornitos Rd/Merced Falls Rd intersection. Signs should be posted 10 days prior to event, may be mounted on Type 3 barricades, and must be maintained by Event Holder (Top Sport Cycling).

**Special Event
Traffic Subject To Delay
March 3, 2011
9:00 am To 1:30 pm**

Post 1 sign near Merced Falls Rd/Lake access road. Sign may be mounted on Type 3 barricade and must be maintained by Event Holder (Top Sport Cycling).

Detour signs must be placed along the detour route on the day of the event to direct traffic and may be mounted on Type 1 barricades.