

DEPARTMENT: Board of Supervisors

BY: Supervisor Pickard

PHONE: 966-3222

**RECOMMENDED ACTION AND JUSTIFICATION:**

Authorize the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors to sign a letter of support for a Leading Edge Yellow Star Thistle Control grant from the National Fish and Game Wildlife Foundation for this region.

**BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:**

The Board has been supportive of efforts to control Yellow Star Thistle.

**ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:**

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: \$ _____		Draft Letter _____
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.: 26-570 Ord. No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Vote - Ayes: 5 Noes: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Absent: \_\_\_\_\_  
 ( ) Approved  
 ( ) Minute Order Attached ( ) No Action Necessary

**COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER:**

\_\_\_\_\_ Requested Action Recommended  
 \_\_\_\_\_ No Opinion  
 Comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
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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

CAO: \_\_\_\_\_

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RE: Support Letter for Weed Leading Edge Project Grant

To Whom This May Concern:

The Mariposa County Board of Supervisors strongly supports the Noxious Weed Leading Edge Project Grant and respectfully requests your approval. Mariposa County has had a long history in resource management including our participation in the Sierra - San Joaquin Noxious Weed Alliance which began a Yellow Star Thistle control program in 2001. Mariposa County has worked collaboratively with many stakeholders including all of our local state and federal agencies and private land owners on control and monitoring methods. Additionally, Mariposa County has taken the lead roll in spearheading efforts to secure funding at the State level for the purpose of supporting local Weed Management Areas statewide. This effort was brought about through our understanding of the need for regional coordination given that invasive and noxious weeds know no boundaries.

This grant will enable Mariposa County through a collaborative approach to stop the spread of Yellow Star Thistle into the Sierra and Stanislaus National Forests as well as the Merced River Canyon and Yosemite National Park. These federally managed lands are of particular concern to our County given their renowned popularity that attracts visitors from around the world to see the rare and natural beauty that if not protected from the spread of noxious and invasive weeds could be significantly damaged. If unimpeded and allowed to spread, noxious weeds like Yellow Star Thistle will harm our tourism industry by severely altering these scenic and valued natural resources.

This grant project proposal will stop the spread of noxious weeds at a line where we can protect lands that are un-infested. Further the Board of Supervisors believes that this project can be accomplished through the coordination with all the affected agencies along with the support of the California Department of Food and Ag, University of California Cooperative Extension, and the stakeholders throughout the Sierra - Stanislaus National Forests.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration of this request and please contact our office if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

LEE STETSON  
Chairman

LS/BP/mbh