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MARIPOSA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

MINUTE ORDER

TO: MIKE COFFIELD, Interim County Administrative Officer
TOM GUARINO, County Counsel

FROM: MARGIE WILLIAMS, Clerk of the Board *MW*

SUBJECT: Discussion and Possible Further Action Regarding Continuation of the Local Emergency Due to Landslides on Highway 140 Enroute to Yosemite National Park (County Counsel/Interim County Administrative Officer)

RESOLUTION 06-304

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MARIPOSA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

ADOPTED THIS Order on July 11, 2006

ACTION AND VOTE:

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BOARD ACTION: Supervisor Pickard advised of the recent Wawona Town Planning Advisory Committee meeting and Superintendent Tollefson's update on the rockslide. (M)Pickard, Res. 06-304 was adopted finding the local emergency due to the landslides on Highway 140 enroute to Yosemite National Park continues to exist, and continuing the local emergency based on the findings. Discussion was held. Chairman Stetson advised that CalTrans is hoping to have a bridge installed for one-way access for a 6 1/2 mile stretch by the end of July, and the second bridge installed within the next month. Supervisor Bibby noted that the emergency issue will continue until there is a final fix that will allow all buses and RVs to access Highway 140. Supervisor Turpin requested that CalTrans be invited to meet with the Board to address the potential of allowing commercial traffic on alternate routes. Supervisor Pickard noted that Superintendent Tollefson advised that equipment has been identified that would mitigate the blockage of the River if there is a catastrophic slide. Mike Coffield, Interim County Administrative Officer, advised that he feels that a catastrophic slide cannot be stopped; however, the lake that would form behind the dam would result in further impacts, and it is felt that the lake could be prevented or slowed. The Forest Service has promised a "white paper" to address this issue.

Input from the public was provided by the following:

Dick Hutchinson stated they were promised by the Park that during the slide, they would continue to receive communication as to the status of the slide. Recently, they have not received any information and there are rumors starting, including a rumor that the access would only be for the commuters. Chairman Stetson advised that it is a public road and will be open to anyone who can safely navigate it.

The motion was seconded by Supervisor Fritz. Ayes: Unanimous.

Cc: File