

MARIPOSA COUNTY

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RESOLUTION - ACTION REQUESTED 2014-380

MEETING: August 5, 2014

TO: The Board of Supervisors

FROM: Rick Benson, County Administrative Officer

RE: Title III Project - SWIFT Coordinator

RECOMMENDATION AND JUSTIFICATION:

Approve the Professional Services Agreement for Use of Title III Funding from the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000 for the Continued Funding of the South West Interface (SWIFT) Project Coordinator from July 1, 2014, through June 30, 2015, in the Amount of \$13,000; Authorize the Board of Supervisors Chair to Sign the Agreement. This funding proposal meets the criteria to receive Title III funding by developing community wildfire protection plans in coordination with the appropriate Secretary concern as well as supporting activities under the Firewise Communities program (Fire Safe Councils). A description of the proposal was published in the publication of record on May 29, 2014, and the 45-day comment period has ended. To date no comments have been received.

The Forest Reserve Fund has a cash balance of \$47,882. To date the Federal government has not yet re-authorized additional funding for this program, however staff is optimistic that this funding will be re-authorized, but this will not be confirmed until the Federal Budget is adopted. If the program is re-authorized, the County can anticipate receiving approximately \$45,000, which will be sufficient to fund the requested agreements for this fiscal year. The Agreement contains a termination clause for insufficient funding so if the funding is not re-authorized, the Board may terminate this Agreement or direct staff to use another funding source.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:

On May 20, 2014, the Board of Supervisors gave direction to begin the 45-day comment period on funding the SWIFT Project Coordinator with Title III funds.

ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

Do approve the Agreement. The SWIFT project will need to seek funding from another source for the Project Coordinator or terminate the program.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

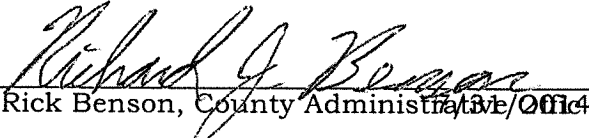
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ATTACHMENTS:

SWIFT Coord Contract 2014-2015 (DOC)

CAO RECOMMENDATION

Requested Action Recommended


Rick Benson, County Administrator/Office

RESULT: ADOPTED BY CONSENT VOTE [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: Merlin Jones, District II Supervisor

SECONDER: John Carrier, District V Supervisor

AYES: Stetson, Jones, Bibby, Cann, Carrier