



MARIPOSA COUNTY

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RESOLUTION - ACTION REQUESTED 2016-136

MEETING: March 22, 2016

TO: The Board of Supervisors

FROM: Mary Hodson, CAO

RE: Resolution of Intention to Allow Open Burning at Designated Sites

RECOMMENDATION AND JUSTIFICATION:

Adopt a Resolution Declaring the Board of Supervisors Intention to Allow the Burning of Non-Industrial Wood Waste from Trees, Vines and Brush at Designated Sites Located Above 1,500 Feet Elevation Mean Sea Level. The California Air Resources Board (CARB) requires that the Board adopt a Resolution declaring their intention to allow burning at designated sites prior to approving the Air Pollution Control District's application for CARB approval of the sites.

The County is in the process of dealing with the disposal of a large amount of dead trees caused by the Tree Mortality Emergency. One disposal method that is ready to be deployed is the use of air curtain burners (ACB) that have been purchased by CalFIRE; however, there are not enough ACBs to handle all of the burning. This Resolution is the first step in the process of obtaining the necessary air pollution permits to also allow open burning at the sites when it becomes necessary.

County staff will work with our local CalFIRE on the placement of burnable materials and the air curtain burners on the properly designated sites once these sites have been identified. An agenda item will be brought to the Board if County property is recommended as a designated site for an air curtain burner.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:

None.

ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

Do not adopt the Resolution. The Air Resources Control Board will not approve the Air Pollution Control District's application allowing open burning of non-industrial wood waste from trees, vines and brush at designated sites located above 1500 feet elevation mean sea level. An alternative method of disposing of the dead trees will need to be identified.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

None expected

ATTACHMENTS:

Resolution of Intention to allow the burning of non-industrial wood waste from trees, vines and brush at designated sites (DOCX)

CAO RECOMMENDATION

Requested Action Recommended


Mary Hodson, CAO 3/17/2016

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: Marshall Long, District III Supervisor

SECONDER: Rosemarie Smallcombe, District I Supervisor

AYES: Smallcombe, Jones, Long, Cann, Carrier

MARIPOSA COUNTY RESOLUTION NUMBER 16-136

RESOLUTION DECLARING THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS INTENTION TO ALLOW THE BURNING OF NON-INDUSTRIAL WOOD WASTE FROM TREES, VINES AND BRUSH AT DESIGNATED SITES

WHEREAS, Mariposa County continues to be under a State of Emergency regarding the ongoing drought and tree mortality; and

WHEREAS, State laws and regulations allow for the burning of non-industrial wood waste from trees, vines and brush at state approved designated sites; and


WHEREAS, the California Air Resources Board (CARB) requires that the local Board of Supervisors adopt a resolution declaring their intention to allow burning at designated sites prior to approving the Air Pollution Control District’s application for CARB approval of the sites; and

WHEREAS, the State has not made a finding that an alternative method of disposal has been developed which is technologically and economically feasible per HSC 41803.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of Mariposa County, a political subdivision of the State of California, hereby finds that there is a need for designated sites that non-industrial wood waste from trees, vines and brush, which cannot be burned on the property which they grew, may be disposed of by burning and it is their intention to allow such burning at sites designated by the Air Pollution Control Board.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Mariposa, a political subdivision of the State of California, this 22nd day of March, 2016 by the following vote:

- AYES: SMALLCOMBE, JONES, LONG, CANN, CARRIER
- NOES: NONE
- ABSENT: NONE
- ABSTAINED: NONE



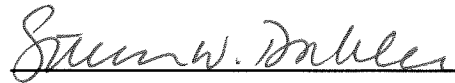
JOHN CARRIER, Chair
 Mariposa County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:



RENÉ LaROCHE
 Clerk of the Board

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



STEVEN W. DAHLEM
 County Counsel