AGENDA ITEM

ITEM NO._________________
District 5

SUBJECT:

Increase County Participation for snow removal above 5,000 feet elevation.

REQUEST(S): That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Increase expenditures of County Road funds as specified in the County’s Snow Removal Policy by authorizing up to an additional $7,500 in County Road funds for snow removal at M216 (Redwood Drive) and at M107 (Western Divide Road).

2. Revise Tulare County Snow Removal Policy Section 4 (c), to authorize the RMA Director to increase snow removal limit from $2,000 to $9,500.

SUMMARY:

The present Snow Removal Policy (Resolution 2005-0397, copy attached) provides for snow removal at each designated area above 5,000 feet elevation, as noted below:

(a) M 216 (Redwood Drive) serving Sequoia Crest/Alpine Village
(b) M 107 (Western Divide Road) to Ponderosa
(c) M 152 in Kennedy Meadows

Expenditure of County funds in excess of $6,000 requires matching funds from Community Service District/Homeowners Association requesting additional snow removal. The Resource Management Agency Director is authorized to commit an additional $2,000, if matched by others. The Board of Supervisors must approve any expenditure in excess of the combined limit of $10,000.
In Ponderosa and Sequoia Crest/Alpine Village, the snow removal costs this year are close to the limit currently allowed by County Policy. Ponderosa and Sequoia Crest/Alpine Village Community Service Districts have both committed an additional $7,500 in matching funds. The costs of snow removal for each of these two areas have historically ranged from $18,000 to $25,000 per year.

At this time, Kennedy Meadows snow removal costs are well below the limit allowed by County Policy. Kennedy Meadows Home Owners Association has not committed additional matching funds.

The recommended additional $7,500 of County Road funds would allow a total of $25,000 ($15,500 County - $9,500 others) per area. These requested snow removal funds can be used in each of the two areas (if needed) without further Board action.

The proposed Snow Removal Policy will change Section 4 (c). The additional expenditure above the $6,000 allowed would increase from $2,000 to $9,500. This increase will enable the RMA Director to increase the snow removal limit, without requesting Board approval every year. This change is recommended because historically, the costs of snow removal have exceeded the allowed $10,000 and ranged from $18,000 to $25,000 per year.

FINANCING:

The requested authorization is a maximum expenditure of $31,000 ($15,500 for each of the two areas) for labor, equipment and contract services is to be funded from the Road Budget. Of the $31,000 requested expenditure, $15,500 would be received as revenue from “others”.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Do not authorize additional County Road funds and require area residents to pay all additional costs.
2. Do not revise the policy resolution authorizing the RMA Director to approve additional funds for snow removal.

INvolvement of other departments or agencies:

None.

Signature requirements:

County Administrative Officer/Clerk of the Board of Supervisors or authorized Deputy to attest to the Resolution.

Administrative sign off:

Resource Management Agency

Jean P. Brou
Assistant Director - Transportation

Henry Hash, Director
BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF TULARE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE MATTER OF INCREASING COUNTY )
PARTICIPATION FOR SNOW REMOVAL )
ABOVE 5,000 FEET ELEVATION )

RESOLUTION NO. _________

UPON MOTION OF SUPERVISOR ___________, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR ___________, THE FOLLOWING WAS ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AT AN OFFICIAL MEETING HELD APRIL 18, 2006 BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES:
NOES:
ABSTAIN:
ABSENT:

ATTEST: C. BRIAN HADDIX
COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER/
CLERK, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

BY: ______________________________
   Deputy Clerk

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1. Increased County participation expenditures of County Road funds as specified in the County’s Snow Removal Policy by authorizing up to an additional $7,500 in County Road funds for snow removal at M216 (Redwood Drive) and at M107 (Western Divide Road).

2. Revised Tulare County Snow Removal Policy Section 4 (c), to authorize the RMA Director to increase snow removal limit from $2,000 to $9,500.
BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF TULARE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE MATTER OF  )   RESOLUTION 2005-0397
ESTABLISHING POLICY ) FOR SNOW REMOVAL  )

WHEREAS, the Tulare County Board of Supervisors adopted Resolution No. 91-1306 establishing a policy of snow removal applicable to the entire County on November 19, 1991; and

WHEREAS, there is a need to update and restate the Snow Removal Policy.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Tulare County Resolution No. 91-1306 and any other Tulare County Snow Removal Policies previously enacted are rescinded.

NOW, THEREFORE IT FURTHER BE RESOLVED that the following will serve as the Tulare County Snow Removal Policy:

1. Areas below 3,000 feet elevation.

   The County will provide snow removal on all County maintained roads entirely below 3,000 foot elevation where there are permanent residents or the road is used by a school bus.

2. Areas above 3,000 feet and below 5,000 feet elevation.

   The County will provide snow removal on County maintained roads serving as primary access to communities, and within the communities where there are permanent residents or the road is used by a school bus as follows:

   Camp Nelson  Badger
   Pierpoint Springs  Posey
Johnsondale (via M99)    Idlewild
California Hot Springs    Balance Rock
Pine Flat    Poso Park
Panorama Heights    Sugarloaf Village
Sugarloaf Lodge    Hartland

Additionally, the following County maintained roads will be provided snow removal:

M 465    State Highway 245 to Dry Creek Bridge
D 254    M 465 to Fresno County Line
M 468    M 469 to M 461
M 461    M 468 to end
M 296    To Mile Post 36.5
M 276    M 296 to M 270
M 220    M 239 to Mile Post 10.50
M 50B M 56 to M 51B
M 51B M 50B to end
M 11    M 3 to M 14
M 14    M 9 to end

3. Areas above 5,000 feet elevation.

The County will participate in the removal of snow on the following County maintained roads above 5,000 feet.

(a) Redwood Drive (M216) from State Route 190 to Hossack Drive in Tract No. 308.

(b) Western Divide (M107) from the end of State Route 190 at Quaking
Aspen to Aspen Drive and on Aspen Drive from the Western Divide (M107) to Tamarack Drive.

(c) Kennedy Meadows Road (M152) from Inyo County Line to the Black Rock Road (NM 117).

4. The County's participation in snow removal on County maintained roads above 5,000 feet shall be subject to the following limitations.

(a) Snow removal as covered under Sections 1 & 2 is complete.

(b) The maximum expenditure on the roads serving any area during the fiscal year shall not exceed $6,000. The maximum expenditure in any area may be adjusted from time to time by order of the Board of Supervisors.

(c) The Resource Management Agency Director may authorize an additional expenditure of up to $2,000 above the maximum expenditure stated in paragraph 4 (b), provided the residents in the area agree to at least match the County's contribution.

The foregoing Resolution was adopted upon motion of Supervisor Maples, second by Supervisor Cox, at a regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors held June 28, 2005, by the following vote:

AYES: Supervisors Ishida, Conway, Cox and Maples

NOES: None

ABSENT: Supervisor Worthley

Budget Number:
ATTEST: C. BRIAN HADDIX
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
of the County of Tulare.

By
Deputy