### Agenda Item

**Item Title:** Adopt a Resolution supporting the Wild and Scenic Designation for the Mokelumne River

**Board Meeting Date:** February 25, 2014

**Agency Number:** 

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**Estimated Time:**

- ( ) Power Point Presentation – arrange with Administrative Office
- (X) Resolution
- ( ) Ordinance
- ( ) Agreement
- ( ) Budget Transfer **(Must be signed by Auditor)**
- ( ) Complete Agreement (for agreements more than 20 pages) on file for viewing with Clerk of the Board and also available on the Board of Supervisors website
- ( ) Other (specify) __________________________

**Dept. Head:**

- CAO: ______
- Counsel: ______

**Recommendation:**

Adopt a Resolution supporting the Wild and Scenic Designation for the Mokelumne River.

**Discussion/Summary:**

The Mokelumne River is beloved by local residents of all income, ages, and abilities who use it for recreation, respite, spiritual renewal, youth education and is critically important to the economic future of Calaveras County because it attracts anglers, boaters, and other visitors interested in river-related recreation who spend money in local businesses.

**Financing:**

No impact to the County budget.

**Alternatives:**

The Board may choose not to support the Wild and Scenic Designation.

**Other Agency Involvement:**

None.
RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE WILD AND SCENIC DESIGNATION FOR THE MOKEUMNE RIVER

WHEREAS, The Mokelumne River is an important Calaveras County historic, cultural, economic, recreational, and natural resource; and

WHEREAS, existing water and power development on the Mokelumne River provides water for more than 1.4 million people and power for more than 200,000 homes; and

WHEREAS, the Mokelumne River is beloved by local residents of all income, ages, and abilities who use it for recreation, respite, spiritual renewal, and youth education; and

WHEREAS, the Mokelumne River is critically important to the economic future of Calaveras County because it attracts anglers, boaters, and other visitors interested in river-related recreation who spend money in local businesses; and

WHEREAS, the Mokelumne River will soon be the site of a commercial rafting pilot project, providing the only summer-long river rafting opportunity in Calaveras County, with related benefits to local businesses and youth employment; and

WHEREAS, the Mokelumne River’s fish are a source of protein-rich food for many Calaveras County residents; and

WHEREAS, the Mokelumne River is sacred to the native people of Calaveras County and played a key role in the county’s development during and after the Gold Rush; and

WHEREAS, the Mokelumne River is eligible for designation as a California state Wild and Scenic River because of its extraordinary cultural, historic, scenic, and water quality values; and

WHEREAS, protecting the Mokelumne River with state Wild and Scenic River designation would be in the best interest of Calaveras County because it would protect important native and historical resources and sites, economic development potential, scenic beauty, and miles of habitat suitable for salmon and steelhead restoration; and

WHEREAS, protecting the Mokelumne River with state Wild and Scenic River designation will not interfere with any water projects planned for Calaveras County or affect existing Calaveras County water rights; and

WHEREAS, designating the Mokelumne as a state Wild and Scenic River respects private property rights and is likely to increase local property values; and
WHEREAS, Protecting the Mokelumne River with Wild and Scenic designation is supported by thousands of local residents, including many public officials and business owners;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the County of Calaveras supports designation of the Mokelumne River as a California state Wild and Scenic River from Salt Springs Dam on the North Fork Mokelumne west to the existing eastern, upstream boundary of Pardee Reservoir, and requests the county's representatives in the California Legislature to introduce and support legislation to bring about state Wild and Scenic River designation.

ON A MOTION by Supervisor ____________ seconded by Supervisor ____________, the foregoing resolution was duly passed and adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Calaveras, State of California this 25th day of February, 2014, by the following vote:

AYES: 
NOES: 
ABSENT: 
ABSTAINED:

ATTEST: 

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Chair

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Clerk of the Board of Supervisors 
of the County of Calaveras