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NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Letter

TO: Board of Supervisors

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Housing and Intergovernmental Affairs

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SUBJECT: Resolution Urging Congress to Reauthorize Payment-In-Lieu-of-Taxes Program

RECOMMENDATION

Director of Housing and Intergovernmental Affairs, on behalf of the Legislative Subcommittee, requests adoption of a resolution urging Congress to reauthorize and fund the Federal Payment in Lieu of Taxes program for several consecutive years, commencing with federal fiscal year 2016.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

There are 43.8 million federally-owned acres of land within California, including 62,385 federally-owned acres within Napa County. Napa County and other counties are unable to collect local taxes on federally-owned land and must rely on annual federal payments to offset revenue loss.

These payments are received through the 1976 Federal Payment in Lieu of Taxes program (PL 94-565). The payments replace the lost property tax revenue and provides county government funding for essential services such as law enforcement, firefighting, search-and-rescue operations, construction and maintenance of roads, and other vital services.

Napa County's received its PILT payment in fiscal year 2015 of \$155,161, but there is concern that Congress will not reauthorize the measure for FY 2016.

This proposed resolution urges the 114th Congress to reauthorize and fund the Federal Payment in Lieu of Taxes program for several consecutive years, commencing with federal fiscal year 2016. This will provide a long-term, stable source of funding for counties to maintain vital programs and avoid any interruption in county services to carry out essential services on these lands. Napa and other California counties that host federal land stand to lose a combined \$78 million in PILT and SRS funding if not included in the final FY 2016 spending measure.

The Rural County Representatives of California requested that Napa County pass this resolution.

PROCEDURAL REQUIREMENTS

1. Staff reports.
2. Public comments.
3. Motion, second, discussion and vote on the item.

FISCAL IMPACT

Is there a Fiscal Impact? No

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: The proposed action is not a project as defined by 14 California Code of Regulations 15378 (State CEQA Guidelines) and therefore CEQA is not applicable.

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION

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SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

A . Resolution - Payment In Lieu of Taxes

CEO Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Molly Rattigan