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NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Letter

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Lawrance Florin - Director
Housing and Intergovernmental Affairs

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SUBJECT: Resolution Urging Congress to Reauthorize Secure Rural Schools and Community and Self-Determination Act

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 Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Since the late 1800s, the Federal government began providing special payments to rural counties to help support county roads and public schools. These payments were generated from 10 percent of gross receipts from timber harvests in national forests.

In the 1990s, the volume and value of timber harvested on national forest lands was drastically reduced, which led Congress to enact the Federal Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act (SRS) of 2000 (16 U.S.C. Sec. 7101 et seq.). SRS provided a six-year guarantee payment option that was independent of the revenue generated on the national forest lands. However, the law expired in 2013, resulting in a lapse in funding in fiscal year 2014.

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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 - SRS

CEO Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Molly Rattigan