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MARIPOSA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MINUTE ORDER

TO: BOB PICKARD, Supervisor District V
FROM: MARGIE WILLIAMS, Clerk of the Board
SUBJECT: ADOPT A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES TO INCLUDE FUNDING FOR FEDERAL SAFETY NET PAYMENTS (HR 517 AND S 267) IN THE 2006-07 FEDERAL BUDGET AND AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN A LETTER SUPPORTING THE CONTINUATION OF THE FEDERAL SAFETY NET PAYMENTS RESOLUTION 05-600

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MARIPosa COUNTY, CALIFORNIA
ADOPTED THIS Order on December 13, 2005

ACTION AND VOTE:

4:20 p.m. Adopt a Resolution Requesting the President of the United States to Include Funding for the Federal Safety Net Payment (HR 517 and S 267) in the 2006-07 Federal Budget; Authorize the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors to Sign a Letter Supporting the Continuation of the Federal Safety Net Payments (Chairman Pickard)

BOARD ACTION: Chairman Pickard initiated discussion. (M)Stetson, (S)Fritz, Res. 05-600 was adopted approving the recommended actions. Supervisor Bibby advised that she will forward punctuation corrections to the County Administrative Officer. She also suggested that search and rescue be included in the list of projects that have been done, and it was agreed that this should be added. Ayes: Unanimous.

Cc: Dana Hertfelder, Public Works Director
Mary Hodson, Deputy County Administrative Officer
File
DEPARTMENT: Board of Supervisors

BY: Bob Pickard

PHONE: 966-3222

RECOMMENDED ACTION AND JUSTIFICATION:
Adopt a Resolution requesting the President of the United States to include funding for federal safety net payments (HR 517 and S 267) in the 2006-07 Federal Budget and authorize the Chairman to sign a letter supporting the continuation of the federal safety net payments. Since September 2001 the County has been receiving money from Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000 (forest reserve funds). The Act ensures additional funding for the County Road Fund and local school district (from $82,463 a fiscal year to approximately $268,000) and secures money for Title III projects (approximately $90,000 a year). The Act sunsets at the end of this fiscal year and it is important that funding for this Act is included in the Federal Budget.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:
The Board has supported bills that provide ultimately benefit the citizens of Mariposa County.

ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:
Do not approve the Resolution or authorize the Chairman to sign the letter. Funding for the Act may not be included in the Federal Budget and both the Road Fund and local school district will receive less money from forest reserve receipts, and no money will be available for Title III projects.

Financial Impact? ( ) Yes (X) No Current FY Cost: $
Budgeted In Current FY? ( ) Yes ( ) No ( ) Partially Funded
Amount in Budget: $
Additional Funding Needed: $
Source:
Internal Transfer
Unanticipated Revenue 4/5’s vote
Transfer Between Funds 4/5’s vote
Contingency 4/5’s vote
( ) General ( ) Other

List Attachments, number pages consecutively
RCRC Letter
Resolution
Board Letter
List of Title III Funded Projects

CLERK’S USE ONLY:
Res. No. 400
Vote – Ayes: Noes: ____________
Approved: Absent: 
No Action Necessary

The foregoing instrument is a correct copy of the original on file in this office.
Date:
Attest: MARGIE WILLIAMS, Clerk of the Board
County of Mariposa, State of California
By: _______________
Deputy

COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER:
☑ Requested Action Recommended
☐ No Opinion
Comments:

CAO:

Revised Dec. 2002
December 13, 2005

Toby Burke
Special Assistant to the President
Office of Intergovernmental Affairs
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Toby:

Enclosed is Resolution No. 05-600 that was adopted by the Mariposa County Board of Supervisors urging the President to include funding for PL 106-393, the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000 in the 2006-2007 Federal Budget. Also enclosed is a list of Title III projects that Mariposa County has funded with money received through this Act.

It is critical that this Act once again receive funding. Not only will a loss of this funding curtail vital fuel reduction programs in our rural mountain county, but our roads and schools will also suffer. Since the County began receiving this funding in September 2001, both the County Road Fund and our local school district have each received $1,052,100, which was desperately needed to maintain county roads and continue with our outstanding educational system.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this crucial matter.

Sincerely,

Bob Pickard
Chairman

BP/mbh

cc: National Association of Counties
    Regional Council of Rural Counties
    California State Association of Counties
MARIPOSA COUNTY RESOLUTION NO. 05-600

A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES TO INCLUDE FUNDING FOR FEDERAL SAFETY NET PAYMENTS (HR 517 AND S267) IN THE 2006-07 FEDERAL BUDGET

WHEREAS, America’s National Forest System was formed in 1905 from 153 million acres of forestlands and removed from future settlement and economic development, imposing hardships on counties in and adjacent to the new reserves; and

WHEREAS, national forest system lands have grown to 191 million acres, leaving significantly less land for economic development and diminishing the potential tax base to support essential community infrastructure such as roads and schools; and

WHEREAS, in 1908, responding to criticism and controversy over the reserves, Congress created a revenue sharing mechanism which has become known as a "Compact with the People of Rural Counties" to support public roads and schools and offset for forest counties the effects of removing these lands from economic development; and

WHEREAS, in establishing America’s National Forests, Congress intended that they would be managed in a sustained multiple-use manner in perpetuity and that they would provide revenues for local counties and the federal treasury in perpetuity as well; and

WHEREAS, from 1908 until about 1986, the revenue sharing mechanism worked well and the compact with the people of rural counties was honored and fulfilled; however, from 1986 to the present, for a variety of reasons, sustained active multiple-use management of the National Forests and revenues have declined precipitously; and

WHEREAS, most counties have seen a decline of more than eighty-five percent (85%) in actual revenues generated on our National Forests, leading to extreme economic, social, and infrastructure displacement for citizens of those forest counties, and Mariposa County in particular; and

WHEREAS, in 2000, in recognition of its obligation to honor the historic compact with people of rural counties, Congress passed PL 106-393 to address the needs of America’s forest counties and to create a new cooperative partnership between forest counties and federal land management agencies to develop forest health improvement projects on public lands and simultaneously stimulate job development and community economic stability; and

WHEREAS, PL 106-393 honored the compact between the people of rural America and the federal government and has been successful in restoring stability for
rural schools, allowing county road departments to address the severe maintenance backlog resulting from decimated road budgets between 1986 and 1999; and

WHEREAS, PL 106-393 has promoted community collaboration by enlisting the participation of diverse stakeholders into Resource Advisory Committees which have successfully approved hundreds of projects on Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management forestlands and adjacent public and private lands during the last five years; and

WHEREAS, those projects have included fuel reduction, habitat improvement, watershed restoration, road maintenance and rehabilitation, reforestation, search and rescue activities, campground and trail improvement, and noxious weed eradication, all work that was necessary but otherwise unfunded in the budgets of the federal agencies; and

WHEREAS, Title III projects authorized by PL 106-393 have mitigated the rising cost of search and rescue missions on federal lands, offset the cost of developing and implementing community wildfire protection plans in concert with the Healthy Forest Restoration Act, and contributed to an enhanced capacity to provide for the public safety on federal lands.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that in order to perpetuate the positive and substantial legacy of PL 106-393, the President of the United States should include funding for the reauthorization and continuation of the Act in the 2006 – 2007 federal budget, so that the “Compact with the People” will continue to benefit forest counties, their schools, and contribute to improving the health and safety of our National Forests.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of Mariposa County this 13th day of December 2005, by unanimous vote.

Bob Pickard
BOB PICKARD, Chairman

Attest:
MARGIE WILLIAMS, Clerk of the Board

Approved As To Form
And Legal Sufficiency:

THOMAS P. GUARINO, County Counsel