DEPARTMENT: Board of Supervisors

BY: Lyle Turpin
PHONE: 966-3222

RECOMMENDED ACTION AND JUSTIFICATION:

Authorize the Chairman to sign a letter urging Senator Boxer to co-sponsor S 267 the reauthorization of the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000. HR 2389 will end September 2006, and S 267 reauthorizes this valuable funding source, which provides additional funding to our schools and roads. In addition it also provides a funding source for National Forest related Title III projects. The more support this bill receives the better the chances are of passing through Congress and eventually being signed by the President.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:

The Board has authorized the Chairman to sign letters regarding issues they believe will ultimately benefit the citizens of Mariposa County.

ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

Do not authorize the Chairman to sign the letter. Individual Board members may send similar letters if desired. Direct staff to make changes to the draft letter and then authorize the Chairman to sign the amended letter.

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CLERK’S USE ONLY:
Res. No.: 281
Vote – Ayes: 5
Noes: |
Absent: |

Approved

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: ____________________________________________
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CAO: ____________________

Revised Dec. 2002
June 21, 2005

The Honorable Barbara Boxer
United States Senator
331 Hart Building
Washington, District of Columbia 20510

RE: Support S 267

Dear Senator Boxer:

In 2000, the United States Congress passed HR 2389 and the President signed the bill creating Public Law 106-393 – the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000. This historic legislation restored forest reserve payments to forest counties to support rural schools and roads. This bill also created the opportunity for counties to invest up to twenty-percent of their total funds on forest related projects.

PL 106-393 is a six-year bill that will sunset in September 2006. HR 517 and S 267 are identical bills seeking to reauthorize the current law. PL 106-393 enjoyed broad bipartisan support in both houses of Congress and it appears that there is also the same type of support for the reauthorization bills. Mariposa County urges you to contact the authors of S 267, Senators Ron Wyden (D-OR) and Larry Craig (R-ID) and request to be put on the bill as a co-sponsor.

Counties in California received a total of $67,382,035 last year under PL 106-393, and of this funding schools and roads received $56,961,523. The remaining amount of $10,420,512 was expended by California counties on either Title II or Title III forest related projects. Mariposa County has completed several Title III projects that have met with outstanding feedback from the community. These projects include a county-wide chipping education program; funding for our Fire Safe Council; and a brushing project on lands adjacent to federal forest lands.

If the current law is not reauthorized, the forest counties of California will return to receiving actual United States Forest Service receipts. The 2007 actual receipts of California are estimated to be $9,500,000. This represents a net loss in funding to our schools and counties of approximately $57,000,000. Such a drastic reduction in funding will have a devastating effect on our county’s ability to provide road maintenance, not to mention the effect it will have on our rural schools that are already suffering from state funding reductions.

Again, we need your strong leadership and support, and respectfully request that you take immediate action to become a co-sponsor of S 267. Thank you for your time and consideration of this important matter.

Sincerely,

BOB PICKARD
Chairman

BP/mbh

cc: The Honorable Dianne Feinstein
The Honorable George Radanovich

bcc: Margie Williams, Clerk of the Board
MARIPOSA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

MINUTE ORDER

TO: LYLE TURPIN, Supervisor District II
FROM: MARGIE WILLIAMS, Clerk of the Board
SUBJECT: LETTER URGING SENATOR BOXER TO CO-SPONSOR S 267, REAUTHORIZING THE SECURE RURAL SCHOOLS AND COMMUNITY SELF-DETERMINATION ACT OF 2000

Resolution No. 05-281

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MARIPOSA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

ADOPTED THIS Order on June 21, 2005

ACTION AND VOTE:

Authorize the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors to Sign a Letter Urging Senator Boxer to Co-Sponsor S 267, the Reauthorizing of the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000 (Supervisor Turpin)

BOARD ACTION: Supervisor Turpin initiated discussion relative to the request. Supervisor Pickard suggested that Senator Feinstein and Congressman Radanovich be added to the distribution of the letter. (M)Turpin, (S)Bibby, Res. 05-281 was adopted approving the letter, as discussed/Ayes: Unanimous.

cc: File