

DEPARTMENT: Board of Supervisors

BY: Bob Pickard, Chairman
PHONE: 966-3222

RECOMMENDED ACTION AND JUSTIFICATION:

Authorize the Chairman to sign a letter regarding the State Budget to Senator Poochigian requesting support for the Vehicle License Fees and other discretionary revenue replacement funding to continue. These funds go into the General Fund and are needed to fund under-funded State mandated programs in addition to the local needs.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:

Typically the Board has approved the Chairman's signature on these types of letters requesting continued financial support.

ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

Financial Impact? () Yes () No	Current FY Cost: \$	Annual Recurring Cost: \$
Budgeted In Current FY? () Yes () No () Partially Funded		
Amount in Budget: \$		List Attachments, number pages consecutively
Additional Funding Needed: \$		Letter to Senator Poochigian
Source:		
Internal Transfer		
Unanticipated Revenue	_____ 4/5's vote	
Transfer Between Funds	_____ 4/5's vote	
Contingency	_____ 4/5's vote	
() General () Other		

CLERK'S USE ONLY:

Res. No.: 03-26 Ord. No. _____
Vote - Ayes: 3 Noes: _____
Absent: Salman, Parker
Approved
() Minute Order Attached () 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

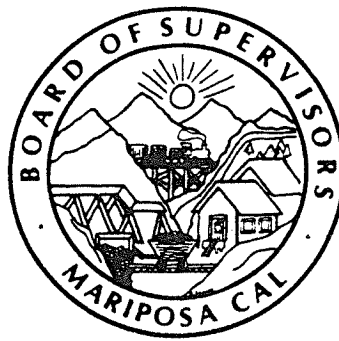
By: _____
Deputy

COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER:

Requested Action Recommended
 No Opinion
Comments:

CAO: *[Signature]*

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March 10, 2003

The Honorable Charles Poochigian
California State Senate
State Capitol, Room 5087
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Senator Poochigian:

I am writing on behalf of the Mariposa County Board of Supervisors on a very important element of the current state budget debates, specifically, Vehicle License Fees (VLF). As you know, the VLF rate was reduced by the legislature by two-thirds along with a commitment made to local governments to replace the loss of revenue.

Now, as part of a budget solution, the Administration has proposed a repeal of that commitment. A policy decision was made again by the legislature to cut a local revenue source and cover that loss with State funds and now it is proposed that local governments absorb the loss.

These funds go into our General Funds and often are needed to fund under-funded State mandated programs in addition to the local needs. With VLF and other discretionary revenues on the budget table, the impact on local government for having financial flexibility will be sorely affected. The last time the State was in a budget crisis it resulted in the take away of funding for the Education Relief Augmentation Formula (ERAF) which shifted local property tax dollars to the State to help meet its financial obligation for schools.

We are seeking your commitment and support for the VLF and other discretionary revenue replacement funding to continue. Thank you for your thoughtful consideration of this request and please do not hesitate to contact me if I can provide you with any further information.

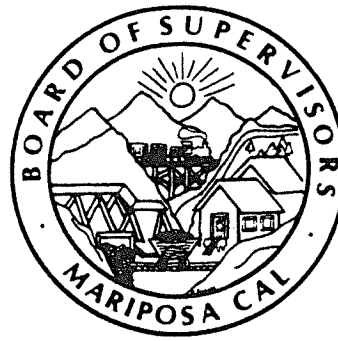
Sincerely,

BOB PICKARD
Chairman

cc: Assembly Member Dave Cogdill
Mariposa County Board of Supervisors
Rich Inman, County Administrative Officer
Dale Wagerman, Wagerman & Associates
Brent Harrington, Regional Council of Rural Counties
Steve Szalay, CSAC Executive Director



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March 18, 2003

The Honorable Dave Cogdill
Assemblyman, 25th District
P.O. Box 942849
Sacramento, CA 94249-0001

Re: Shift of "Undesignated Fees" to Courts

Dear Assemblyman Cogdill:

The Mariposa County Board of Supervisors took an official action this morning to oppose any shift in discretionary funds from the county. This includes the proposed shift of "undesignated fees" from the county to the courts.

The Governor has proposed to transfer from counties to the courts, revenue that is related to various fees referred to as "undesignated" or "non-AB 233" fees. The Mariposa County Board of Supervisors opposes this shift and seeks your support in protecting these county funds.

While we all understand the severity of the current budget crisis, counties continue to suffer from the Governor's and the Legislators' penchant to place the budget balancing burden unduly on counties and local government in general. This is disastrous to your constituents.

Again, the Mariposa County Board of Supervisors seeks your support in maintaining the current method of distributing "undesignated fees" to counties.

Sincerely,

BOB PICKARD
Chairman

cc: Senator Chuck Poochigian
Mariposa County Board of Supervisors
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Regional Council of Rural Counties
California State Association of Counties

