RECOMMENDED ACTION AND JUSTIFICATION:  

(Policy Item: Yes [ ] No [X])

Adopt a resolution opposing the funding level in the Administration's request for Payments in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) and direct that it be forwarded to Congressman Radanovich, Senators Feinstein and Boxer and CSAC.

The budget amount requested by the President represents a decrease of $12 million from last year's enacted level. If Congress agrees, this could result in an approximate 10% reduction in county PILT payments. A dilution of the overall pool of money could also be caused by the inclusion of Alaska's unincorporated boroughs in an amendment by Senator Stevens which will result in a 5% reduction in funding. The County's PILT payments could be reduced by up to 15%.

We received $244,079 this year as compared to $119,219 in fiscal year 1995-96. The additional amount will help mitigate the TOT loss due to the closure of Yosemite after the January flood.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:

Historically the Board has supported PILT funding.

LIST ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

a) Adopt resolution opposing the Administration's request for PILT; or

b) Take no action.

COSTS:  

( X ) Not Applicable
A. Budgeted Current FY $  
B. Total Anticipated Costs $  
C. Required Additional Funding $  
D. Internal Transfers $  
SOURCE:  

( ) 4/5ths Vote Required $  
A. Unanticipated Revenues $  
B. Reserve for Contingencies $  
C. Source Description:  
Balance in Reserve for Contingencies, if approved:

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:  
List the attachments and number the pages consecutively:

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION:

This item on agenda as:

[ ] Recommended  
[ ] Not Recommended  
[ ] For Policy Determination  
[ ] Submitted with Comment  
[ ] Returned for Further Action  

Comment:

CAO's Initials:  

ATTEST:
MARGIE WILLIAMS, Clerk of the Board  
County of Mariposa, State of California  

BY:  
Deputy  

Action Form Revised 5/92
February 20, 1997

TO: County Administrative Officers

FROM: Steven C. Szalay, Executive Director

SUBJECT: Proposed Reduction in President's Budget for PILT

The following information was obtained from Jeff Arnold, associate legislative director for NACo.

The Administration's request for the Payments in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) represents a decrease of $12 million from last year's enacted level, reversing NACo's success in obtaining the first increase for the program in over 20 years. The reduction was made to offset funding for the Department's *highest priority on-the-ground* programs, such as management and planning for the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument, improvement to facilitates and management at Bureau of Land Management (BLM) recreation facilities and resources protection improvements. Significant funding was found for two new initiatives in the Interior budget -- $79 million for the Everglades cleanup effort and $146 million for California Bay Delta project.

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Besides contacting your congressional delegation about these proposed significant reductions to the program, you may also want to contact the following individuals:

Rep Ralph Regula and/or Senator Slade Gorton
Chairman Chairman
Subcommittee on Interior Subcommittee on Interior
B308 Rayburn House Office Bldg. SD-127 Dirksen Senate Office Bldg.
Washington, D.C. 20515 Washington, D.C. 20510
202.225.3081 202.224.7233

For further questions, please contact Jeff Arnold, NACo, 202.942.4286
April 4, 1997

The Honorable George Radanovich
313 Cannon House Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

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Respectfully submitted,

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Chairman of the Board of Supervisors

RCS/rs

cc: California State Association of Counties
    Regional Council of Rural Counties
    Wageman and Associates
    Representative Ralph Regula
    Senator Slade Gorton
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