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To: The Honorable Board of Supervisors
From: Thomas M. Miller, County Executive Officer
By: Mary Herdegen, Senior Management Analyst *mm*
Date: January 23, 2007
Subject: Support H.R. 17 – "Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Reauthorization Act of 2007"

Action Requested:

Authorize the Board Chairman to sign a letter supporting House Resolution 17 – the "Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Reauthorization Act of 2007" that will extend the expired act through Fiscal Year 2013. Additionally, authorize the Chairman to sign a letter to Congress to request the support of a one-year extension of the expired act in the Continuing Resolution that must be approved by February 15, 2007.

Background:

The "Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000 (PL 106-393)" expired December 31, 2006. This federal legislation established a six-year payment formula for counties, such as Placer, that receive revenue sharing payments for the U.S. Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management (BLM) lands. Based on historical timber receipts, the formula established a stable source of revenue to be used for education, county roads and various other county services and programs in rural areas. During this six-year period, the amount of this funding to Placer County totaled nearly \$9.9 million. Despite efforts to secure reauthorization of the act from the Administration and local governments, Congress let the law expire before adjourning last session.

On January 4, 2007, H.R. 17 - the "Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Reauthorization Act of 2007" was introduced by Oregon Representative Peter DeFazio along with 56 cosponsors, including Congressman John Doolittle. H.R. 17 will extend the expired Act through Fiscal Year 2013. A companion measure has not yet been introduced in the Senate. In addition, there are efforts by Congressional members to include one-year funding in the Continuing Resolution that needs to be approved by Congress and signed into law by February 15.

The Act requires that 15-20% of the funds, as determined by the Board of Supervisors, be allocated for Title II (on federal lands) or Title III (county discretionary) projects. In May 2005, your Board directed that 20% of the funds be spent on Title III discretionary projects eligible under the Act. For the final-year appropriation (FY 2006-07), your Board directed that the funding be spent on eligible hazard mitigation, wildfire protection/biomass, and search and rescue activities.

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Fiscal Impact:

If reauthorization of the Act does not occur this year, the adverse impact to Placer County (excluding Education's portion) would exceed \$1 million dollars (\$681,000 – County Road Fund and \$340,000 eligible discretionary projects) annually.

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Attachment: H.R. 17 Support Letter

H.R. 17 – “Secure Rural Schools & Community Self Determination Reauthorization Act of 2007” Text

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HR 17 IH

110th CONGRESS

1st Session

H. R. 17

To reauthorize the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**January 4, 2007**

Mr. DEFAZIO (for himself, Mr. WALDEN of Oregon, Mr. SPRATT, Mr. PETERSON of Minnesota, Mr. OBERSTAR, Mr. DICKS, Mr. BARTON of Texas, Mr. YOUNG of Alaska, Mr. HERGER, Mr. DOOLITTLE, Mr. HASTINGS of Washington, Mrs. CUBIN, Mr. BOYD of Florida, Mr. BERRY, Mr. RADANOVICH, Ms. HOOLEY, Mr. SIMPSON, Mr. THOMPSON of California, Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, Mr. BAIRD, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. PETERSON of Pennsylvania, Mr. REHBERG, Ms. HERSETH, Mr. BURGESS, Mr. RENZI, Mrs. MCMORRIS RODGERS, Mr. RAHALL, Mr. LIPINSKI, and Ms. SLAUGHTER) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture, and in addition to the Committee on Natural Resources, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

To reauthorize the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the 'Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Reauthorization Act of 2007'.

SEC. 2. REAUTHORIZATION OF SECURE RURAL SCHOOLS AND COMMUNITY SELF-DETERMINATION ACT OF 2000.

(a) Extension Through Fiscal Year 2013- The Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000 (Public Law 106-393; 16 U.S.C. 500 note) is amended--

(1) in sections 101(a), 203(a)(1), 207(a), 208, 303, and 401, by striking `2006' each place it appears and inserting `2013';

(2) in section 208, by striking `2007' and inserting `2014'; and

(3) in section 303, by striking `2007' and inserting `2014,'.

(b) Authority to Resume Receipt of 25- or 50-Percent Payments-

(1) 25-percent PAYMENTS- Section 102(b) of the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000 is amended--

(A) in paragraph (1), by inserting `of the Treasury' after `Secretary'; and

(B) in paragraph (2)--

(i) in the first sentence, by inserting `, including such an election made during the last quarter of fiscal year 2006 under this paragraph,' after `25-percent payment'; and

(ii) in the second sentence, by striking `fiscal year 2006' and inserting `fiscal year 2013, except that the Secretary of the Treasury shall give the county the opportunity to elect, in writing during the last quarter of fiscal year 2006, to begin receiving the 25-percent payment effective with the payment for fiscal year 2007'.

(2) 50-percent PAYMENTS- Section 103(b)(1) of such Act is amended by striking `fiscal year 2006' and inserting `fiscal year 2013, except that the Secretary of the Treasury shall give the county the opportunity to elect, in writing during the last quarter of fiscal year 2006, to begin receiving the 50-percent payment effective with the payment for fiscal year 2007'.

(c) Clarification Regarding Source of Payments-

(1) PAYMENTS TO ELIGIBLE STATES FROM NATIONAL FOREST LANDS- Section 102(b)(3) of the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000 is amended--

(A) by striking `trust fund,' and inserting `trust funds, permanent funds,';

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(B) by inserting a comma after `and'; and

(C) by adding at the end the following new sentence: `If the Secretary of the Treasury determines that a shortfall is likely for a fiscal year, all revenues, fees, penalties, and miscellaneous receipts referred to in the preceding sentence, exclusive of required deposits to relevant trust funds, permanent funds, and special accounts, that are received during that fiscal year shall be reserved to make payments under this section for that fiscal year.'.

(2) PAYMENTS TO ELIGIBLE COUNTIES FROM BLM LANDS- Section 103 (b)(2) of such Act is amended--

(A) by striking `trust fund,' and inserting `trust funds';

(B) by inserting a comma after `and'; and

(C) by adding at the end the following new sentence: `If the Secretary of the Treasury determines that a shortfall is likely for a fiscal year, all revenues, fees, penalties, and miscellaneous receipts referred to in the preceding sentence, exclusive of required deposits to relevant trust funds and permanent operating funds, that are received during that fiscal year shall be reserved to make payments under this section for that fiscal year.'.

(d) Term for Resource Advisory Committee Members; Reappointment- Section 205(c)(1) of the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000 is amended--

(1) in the second sentence, by striking `The Secretary concerned may reappoint members to' and inserting `A member of a resource advisory committee may be reappointed for one or more'; and

(2) by adding at the end the following new sentence: `Section 1803(c) of the Food and Agriculture Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C. 2283(c)) shall not apply to a resource advisory committee established by the Secretary of Agriculture.'.

(e) Revision of Pilot Program- Section 204(e)(3) of the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000 is amended--

(1) in subparagraph (A), by striking `The Secretary' and all that follows through `approved projects' and inserting `At the request of a resource advisory committee, the Secretary concerned may establish a pilot program to implement one or more of the projects proposed by the resource advisory committee under section 203';

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(2) by striking subparagraph (B);

(3) in subparagraph (C), by striking 'by the Secretary concerned';

(4) in subparagraph (D)--

(A) by striking 'the pilot program' in the first sentence and inserting 'pilot programs established under subparagraph (A)'; and

(B) by striking 'the pilot program is' in the second sentence and inserting 'pilot programs are'; and

(5) by redesignating subparagraphs (C), (D), and (E), as so amended, as subparagraphs (B), (C), and (D).

(f) Notification and Reporting Requirements Regarding County Projects-

(1) ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS- Section 302 of the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000 is amended by adding at the end the following new subsection:

'(c) Notification and Reporting Requirements-

'(1) NOTIFICATION- Not later than 90 days after the end of each fiscal year during which county funds are obligated for projects under this title, the participating county shall submit to the Secretary concerned written notification specifying--

'(A) each project for which the participating county obligated county funds during that fiscal year;

'(B) the authorized use specified in subsection (b) that the project satisfies; and

'(C) the amount of county funds obligated or expended under the project during that fiscal year, including expenditures on Federal lands, State lands, and private lands.

'(2) REVIEW- The Secretary concerned shall review the notifications submitted under paragraph (1) for a fiscal year for the purpose of assessing the success of participating counties in achieving the purposes of this title.

'(3) ANNUAL REPORT- The Secretary concerned shall prepare an annual report containing the results of the most-recent review conducted under paragraph (2) and a summary of the notifications covered by the review.

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`(4) SUBMISSION OF REPORT- The report required by paragraph (3) for a fiscal year shall be submitted to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry and the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources of the Senate and the Committee on Agriculture and the Committee on Resources of the House of Representatives not later than 150 days after the end of that fiscal year.'.

(2) DEFINITION OF SECRETARY CONCERNED- Section 301 of such Act is amended by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

`(3) SECRETARY CONCERNED- The term `Secretary concerned' means--

`(A) the Secretary of Agriculture or the designee of the Secretary of Agriculture, with respect to county funds reserved under section 102(d)(1)(B)(ii) for expenditure in accordance with this title; and

`(B) the Secretary of the Interior or the designee of the Secretary of the Interior, with respect to county funds reserved under section 103(c)(1)(B)(ii) for expenditure in accordance with this title.'.

(3) REFERENCES TO PARTICIPATING COUNTY- Section 302(b) of such Act is amended--

(A) by striking `An eligible county' each place it appears in paragraphs (1), (2), and (3) and inserting `A participating county'; and

(B) by striking `A county' each place it appears in paragraphs (4), (5), and (6) and inserting `A participating county'.

(g) Technical Correction- Section 205(a)(3) of the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000 is amended by striking the comma after `the Secretary concerned may'.

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The Honorable Nick Rahall II
United States House of Representatives
Chair, Resources Committee
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The Honorable Don Young
United States House of Representatives
Ranking Member, Resources Committee
Washington, DC 20515

RE: Support of H.R. 17 – “Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Reauthorization Act of 2007”

Dear Chairman Rahall and Congressman Young,

Today, the Placer County Board of Supervisors voted to support H.R. 17 - the “Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Reauthorization Act of 2007” that will extend the expired act (PL 106-393) through Fiscal Year 2013.

The “Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000 (PL 106-393)” expired December 31, 2006. This federal legislation established a six-year payment formula for counties, such as Placer, that receive revenue sharing payments for the U.S. Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management (BLM) lands. Based on historical timber receipts, the formula established a stable source of revenue to be used for education, county roads and various other county services and programs in rural areas. During this six-year period, the amount of this funding to Placer County totaled nearly \$9.9 million.

If reauthorization of the Act does not occur this year, the adverse impact to Placer County’s schools, local roads, and other programs – including fire prevention and search and rescue- would exceed \$1.7 million dollars annually.

Thank you both for co-sponsoring this important legislation, and for us to express our strong support for H.R. 17.

Sincerely,

Bruce Kranz, Chairman
Placer County Board of Supervisors

Cc: Congressman John Doolittle
Senator Barbara Boxer
Senator Dianne Feinstein

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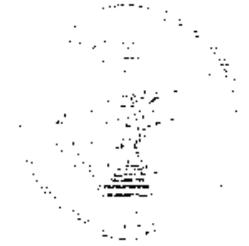
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The Honorable David Obey
United States House of Representatives
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The Honorable Jerry Lewis
United States House of Representatives
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RE: Support Full Funding of a One-Year Extension of the "Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000 (PL 106-393)"

Dear Chairman Obey and Congressman Lewis,

Today, the Placer County Board of Supervisors voted to approve a request that Congress include in its Continuing Resolution (that must be approved by February 15, 2007) a one-year extension of the "Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000 (PL 106-393)". This important legislation, that expired on December 31, 2006, established a six-year payment formula for counties -such as Placer- that receive revenue sharing payments for the U.S. Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management (BLM) lands.

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Thank you both for allowing us to express our support for this important program to rural counties. We urge your support and immediate action.

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