COUNTY OF GLENN
AGENDA ITEM TRANSMITTAL

MEETING DATE: July 17, 2007
Submitting Department(s):
County Administrative Office

BRIEF SUBJECT/ISSUE DESCRIPTION:
Approve annual Forest Reserve set aside of 20% and designate that 20% to Title II projects. Authorize the Chairman to sign letter to the USDA Forest Service declaring same.

Contact: Sandy Soeth
Phone: 934-6400

AGENDA PLACEMENT

APPOINTMENT – Appearances by: (Specify Name & Title)

ATTACHMENTS
Board Report
Letter
Minute Order
Contract
Transfer
Grant App.
Resolution
Ordinance
Proclamation
Policy Update
Code Update
Other

LEGAL/PERSONNEL/FISCAL
County Counsel
Personnel
Finance
County Administrative Office

CLERK INSTRUCTIONS
Return Minute Order
Return Certified Copy Of:

Other:

PUBLIC HEARINGS & COMMITTEE VACANCIES
Public Hearings:
Published
Affidavit on File w/Clerk
Affected Parties Notified

Committees:
Vacancy Posted
Application Attached

Sandy Soeth
Department Head

Reviewed By (if applicable):
Personnel Director

Contracts, Leases & Agreements

Regional Hearth: State
Federal

Funding Source/Impact
General Fund Impact
Other: ______
Budgeted
Transfer Attached
4/5ths Vote Required
Contingency Request

Contracts, Leases & Agreements
New
Renewal
Amendment
Insurance Certificate
Contract Report

Date of Original Contract:
Contract No.:
Fiscal Year:

RECOMMENDED ACTION/MOTION:
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cc:
TO: The Honorable Tom McGowan, Chairman,  
And Members of the Board of Supervisors

FROM: David J. Shoemaker, County Administrative Officer

DATE: July 17, 2007

SUBJECT: Annual Forest Reserve Designation

Recommendation(s)

Approve annual Forest Reserve set aside of 20% and designate that 20% to Title II projects. Authorize Chairman to sign letter to the USDA Forest Service declaring the above action.

Executive Summary

Annual the Board of Supervisors must designate use of its forest reserve allotment from the USDA Forest Service.

History and Background

Public Law 106-393, which was approve in 2000, gave the County's local schools and the County Road Fund an increased and predictable level of funding. Because of this law the County receives approximately $603,000 in Title I funding which is split evenly between the county road fund and the county schools. We also receive slightly over $100,000 that can be allocated to either Title II or Title III projects. We are required to reserve a minimum of 20% of our total allotment to ensure that we get the "Full Payment" option.

Fiscal/Personnel Impact(s)

This designation has no impact to the General Fund, but this designation does ensure that both local schools and the Road Fund get their annual payments.

Analysis/Discussion

Designate funds as requested to ensure the County of Glenn and other local agencies get their share of the forest reserve funds.

Other Agency Involvement

The Glenn-Colusa Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) will make recommendations on projects on or near the Mendocino National Forest in Glenn County.
Mr. Tom McGowan
District 1 County Supervisor
Glenn County
P.O. Box 391
Willows, CA 95988

Dear Mr. Tom McGowan:

The Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000, Public Law 106-393 October 30, 2000, commonly known as Payment to States, was extended for one year in PL 110-28 and will expire, September 30, 2007. This Act provides eligible counties with an increased and predictable level of funding for local schools and roads.

Under this extension counties should receive their final payment of Title 1 funds, (roads and schools) and Title III funds, (special forest projects) in about December of 2007. In addition, a final year of Title II RACs funding will be available in October of 2007. The RACs must recommend these final projects by September 30, 2007 and all Title II funds must be spent or obligated, (in a contract, grant, or agreement) by September 30, 2008. Any Title II funds not spent or obligated by this date will be returned to the United States Treasury.

As in past years, counties that receive over $100,000 in payments must make an important election by September 30th. Counties are required to reserve no less than 15% and no more than 20% of their total payments for special forest projects. We need to know how much you are electing set aside (between 15% and 20%) and how you want these funds allocated; in Title II, Title III or a combination of both. Counties must submit notification of their election to USDA Forest Service by September 30, 2007. If we do not receive your county’s election by this date, 15% of the funds available to your county will be returned to the United States Treasury.

Please include two things in your notification;

1) How much you elect to set aside this year, (between 15-20%).
2) How you want it allocated between Title II and Title III funds.

Send county forest reserve payment elections to:

Ms. Christine Nota
USDA Forest Service
650 Capitol Mall, Room 8-200
Sacramento, CA 95814
Dave:

Congress has authorized the RAC program for one more year. Christy Scofield represented Local Elected Officials and, as you know, has retired from the Colusa Board. We need to replace her as we will be reviewing projects for the funds that are available. And we have to do this prior to the end of the federal fiscal year, Sept. 30. Could you coordinate between the Glenn and Colusa Boards to have a Supervisor submit their interest to the Mendocino Forest Supervisor for appointment by the Secretary of Interior. We will have about the same amount of funds available as we have in the past and the Boards will have to determine the amount to be allocated in Title II and title III. If I can be of any assistance, please let me know. Thanks,

Denny
July 17, 2007

Ms. Christina Nota  
USDA Forest Service  
650 Capitol Mall, room 8-200  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Ms. Nota:

The Glenn County Board of Supervisors has made the following decisions with regard to the Forest Reserve Payments for federal fiscal year 2007-2008.

We elect to set aside 20% for special projects and request that this allocation be placed in Title II projects of the Act. We feel that previous funds that were allocated to Title III are adequate for our needs at this time.

Sincerely,

GLENN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Tom McGowan, Chairman

Cc: CSAC
    RCRC