COUNTY OF GLENN
AGENDA ITEM TRANSMITTAL

MEETING DATE: 7/17/07
Submitting Department(s):
County Administrative Office

BRIEF SUBJECT/ISSUE DESCRIPTION:
Ratify letter regarding support of Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Bill to include funding to extend the Secure Rural Schools and Communities Act (SRSCA)

Contact: Sandy Soeth
Phone: 934-6400

AGENDA PLACEMENT

APPOINTMENT – Appearances by: (Specify Name & Title)

ATTACHMENTS

LEGAL/PERSONNEL/FISCAL

Required ______ Minutes

☐ Business – No ☐ Consent
☐ Correspondence ☐ Reports & Notices

☐ Other:

☐ Receive Concurrence

PUBLIC HEARINGS & COMMITTEE VACANCIES

LEGISLATION

☐ State ☐ Federal

☐ Bill#: ______
☐ Latest Version of Bill
☐ Draft Letter Attached
☐ List of Supporters/Opposers
☐ Statement of Relevance to County Interests
☐ Description Attached

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

☐ New ☐ Renewal
☐ Amendment
☐ Insurance Certificate
☐ Contract Report

CONTRACTS, LEASES & AGREEMENTS

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

RECOMMENDED ACTION/MOTION:
Ratify letter to President Bush, Congressman Herger and Senator Feinstein thanking them for including funding to extend the SRSCA in the Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Bill and requesting that the SRSCA be extended for a period of four to six years.

Reviewed By (if applicable):

Personnel Director

Department of Finance

Administrative Representative

CC:

Sandy Soeth
TO: Honorable Board Members

FROM: County Administrative Office

DATE: July 3, 2007

SUBJECT: Secure Rural Schools and Communities Act

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
June 14, 2007 a letter was sent to President George W. Bush, Senator Dianne Feinstein, and Congressman Wally Herger thanking them for including funding to extend in the recent Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Bill to extend the Secure Rural Schools and Communities Act (SRSCA) and requesting that they take action to extend the SRSCA for a period of four to six years.

RECOMMENDATION(S):
Ratify letter sent to President George W. Bush, Senator Dianne Feinstein, and Congressman Wally Herger regarding the SRSCA.

HISTORY AND BACKGROUND:
Each year beginning in 2000, the national forest counties and school districts receive SRSCA funding (SB 1608) which corrects the revenue decline due to the reduction in timber harvests. The funding ended in 2006, and has been receiving one year extensions since then.

FISCAL/PERSOENNEL IMPACT(S):
Our county and school district will each receive approximately $294,000.

ANALYSIS/DISCOSSION
n/a
June 14, 2007

President George W. Bush
President of the United States
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington D.C. 20500

SUBJECT: Emergency supplemental appropriations bill to include funding to extend the Secure Rural Schools and Communities Act

Dear Honorable Mr. President:

On behalf of the citizens of Glenn County, we want to thank you for including funding to extend the Secure Rural Schools and Communities Act in the recent emergency supplemental appropriations bill. Our county and school district will each receive approximately $294,000 of that funding. Your action has allowed us to restore vital services that we were planning to eliminate and cancel personnel layoffs that had been necessitated by the expiration in September of PL 106-393.

In addition to our Title I funding, we will once again be investing Title II funds in projects to improve the health and safety of our surrounding national forest lands through projects approved by our Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) and we will continue our efforts through Title III funds to provide Search and Rescue services and safety patrols on federal lands and engage in fire prevention planning and community wildfire education and protection actions. All of these activities are critically important to the immediate and long-term wellbeing of communities in and adjacent to our national forests.

Finally, a request that you and your colleagues take action in the next four months (by the end of September) to extend the Secure Rural Schools and Communities Act (SRSCA) for a period of four to six years. National forest counties and school districts need the certainty and budget predictability afforded by a multi-year extension of the SRSCA. A series of one year extensions through the appropriations process or on an emergency basis holds these counties and school districts hostage. Each year they will be faced with issuing thousands of layoff notices to personnel and informing citizens that vital services such as police protection, fire services, road maintenance and snow removal, libraries, and school programs will be curtailed or discontinued. This creates an incredible hardship on school and county employees and the citizens they serve. If Congress fails to act this fall, this scenario will once again be initiated beginning in January 2008 as the new budget planning cycle begins.

Please act by September to extend the Secure Rural Schools and Communities Act before you adjourn for the 2008 elections. The citizens of over 750 counties and 4,400 school districts will long remember your actions as will the families and over 9 million children that are served by these schools.

Again, thank you for extending SRSCA for 2007. We look forward to supporting your efforts to achieve a multi-year extension of SRSCA this summer or fall.

Sincerely,

Glenn County Board of Supervisors

Tom McGowan, Chairman

cc: Senator Aanestad; Assemblyman LaMalfa; Paul Smith, Regional Council of Rural Counties; California State Association of Counties; National Forest Counties and Schools Coalition.

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June 14, 2007

The Honorable Dianne Feinstein
331 Hart Senate Office Building
Constitution Ave. & 2nd St. N.E.
Washington, D.C. 20510

SUBJECT: Emergency supplemental appropriations bill to include funding to extend the Secure Rural Schools and Communities Act

Dear Senator Feinstein:

On behalf of the citizens of Glenn County, we want to thank you for including funding to extend the Secure Rural Schools and Communities Act in the recent emergency supplemental appropriations bill. Our county and school district will each receive approximately $294,000 of that funding. Your action has allowed us to restore vital services that we were planning to eliminate and cancel personnel layoffs that had been necessitated by the expiration in September of PL 106-393.

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June 14, 2007

The Honorable Wally Herger
House of Representatives
2268 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

SUBJECT: Emergency supplemental appropriations bill to include funding to extend the Secure Rural Schools and Communities Act

Dear Representative Herger:

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