



# MENDOCINO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ONLINE AGENDA SUMMARY

BOARD AGENDA # 5(d)

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TO: Board of Supervisors DATE: September 26, 2011

FROM: Executive Office MEETING DATE: October 4, 2011

DEPARTMENT RESOURCE/CONTACT: Kristi Furman PHONE: 463-4441 Present ☐ On Call ☒

Consent Agenda ☒ Regular Agenda ☐ Noticed Public Hearing ☐ Time Allocated for Item: N/A

## ■ AGENDA TITLE: Approval of Letter of Support for Reauthorization of the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000

■ PREVIOUS BOARD/BOARD COMMITTEE ACTIONS: April 26, 2011: Approval of project distribution funding; November 6, 2008: Adoption of Board Resolution No. 08-217.

■ SUMMARY OF REQUEST: On October 3, 2008, the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000 was reauthorized as part of Public Law 110-343. Reauthorization of the act expires in 2011. The act provides funding to historically forest-dependent communities that have been impacted over the last several decades by downturns in the forest-products industry. The act was enacted to provide funding to help rural communities make the transition through changes in the natural-resource economy. Unless Congress acts to reauthorize the program, rural counties will lose vital funding for schools, roads, search and rescue, and other county needs.

Through NACo (National Association of Counties) communications, staff has learned that the House and the Senate leadership have distinct visions of how reauthorization of this program funding may occur, and could ultimately move into a conference committee to address the issue before the end of the year.

In the House, an oversight hearing by the Natural Resources Committee subcommittee on National Parks, Forests, and Public Lands) was held September 22, on a draft proposal entitled, "*The National Forest County Revenue, Schools, and Jobs Act of 2011*." The draft bill is considered "a starting point" as our Representatives continue to work with local communities and Representatives from impacted states to review and discuss specific details as the proposal moves forward. NACo representatives testified in support of the measure, consistent with members' policies (to provide rural counties with a stable revenue stream, create jobs, grow rural economies, and restore active, healthy, forest management).

In the Senate, the Natural Resources Committee had a briefing in mid-September, and consideration is being given to a direct extension of the program "as is" with reduced funding for next year. Although no language has been released, developments are expected near the end of September.

Staff recommends the Board transmit a letter to our congressional representatives urging their continued support for this vital program funding, with additional monitoring to occur as the House and Senate language is further vetted through the committee process.

## ■ SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION AVAILABLE ONLINE AT:

[http://www.fs.usda.gov/wps/portal/fsinternet!/ut/p/c4/04\\_SB8K8xLLM9MSSzPy8xBz9CP0os3gjAwhwtDDw9\\_AI8zPwhQoY6BdkOyoCAPkATIA!/?ss=119985&navtype=BROWSEBYSUBJECT&cid=FSE\\_003853&navid=0910000000000000&pnavid=null&position=BROWSEBYSUBJECT&ttype=main&pname=Secure%20Rural%20Schools-%20Home](http://www.fs.usda.gov/wps/portal/fsinternet!/ut/p/c4/04_SB8K8xLLM9MSSzPy8xBz9CP0os3gjAwhwtDDw9_AI8zPwhQoY6BdkOyoCAPkATIA!/?ss=119985&navtype=BROWSEBYSUBJECT&cid=FSE_003853&navid=0910000000000000&pnavid=null&position=BROWSEBYSUBJECT&ttype=main&pname=Secure%20Rural%20Schools-%20Home)

<http://naturalresources.house.gov/Calendar/EventSingle.aspx?EventID=260134>

<http://energy.senate.gov/public/>

BOARD ACTION (DATE: \_\_\_\_\_): ☐ Approved ☐ Referred to \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

RECORDS EXECUTED: ☐ Agreement: \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ Resolution: \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ Ordinance: \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_



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■ ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON FILE WITH THE CLERK OF THE BOARD (CHECKED BY COB IF APPLICABLE): ☐

FISCAL IMPACT:			
Source of Funding	Current F/Y Cost	Annual Recurring Cost	Budgeted in Current F/Y
Federal Funding	Revenue		Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

■ SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT: 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4 ☐ 5 ☐ All ☒ ■ VOTE REQUIREMENT: Majority ☒ 4/5ths ☐

■ **RECOMMENDED ACTION/MOTION:** That the Board approve the transmittal of letters to Congressman Thompson, Senator Boxer, and Senator Feinstein urging their support for continued funding in light of the expiration of the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000, authorizing the Chair to sign same.

■ **ALTERNATIVES:** 1) To take no action, awaiting action by the House and Senate before advocating a County position on the issue.

■ **CEO REVIEW (NAME):** Kristi Furman **PHONE:** 463-4441

**RECOMMENDATION:** Agree ☒ Disagree ☐ No Opinion ☐ Alternate ☐ Staff Report Attached ☐

**BOARD ACTION**

☐ Approved \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Records Executed \_\_\_\_\_

**Date of Meeting** \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Referred to \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_