



**County Administrative Office
COUNTY OF TULARE
AGENDA ITEM**

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AGENDA DATE: August 11, 2015

Public Hearing Required	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Scheduled Public Hearing w/Clerk	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Published Notice Required	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Advertised Published Notice	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Meet & Confer Required	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Electronic file(s) has been sent	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>
Budget Transfer (Aud 308) attached	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Personnel Resolution attached	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Agreements are attached and signature line for Chairman is marked with tab(s)/flag(s)	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

CONTACT PERSON: Debbie Vaughn PHONE: 559-636-5005

SUBJECT: Approve letter of support

REQUEST(S):

That the Board of Supervisors:
Approve sending a letter of support for Assembly Bill 515 (Eggman) which would expand the existing tax credit program related to the donation of food items to food banks located in California.

SUMMARY:

Assembly Bill 515 (Eggman) proposes to expand the existing 10% tax credit, by qualified taxpayers, of fresh fruits or vegetables to food banks located in California. Currently, a qualified taxpayer is defined as the person responsible for planting a crop, managing the crop, and harvesting the crop from the land. AB 515 would expand the tax credit to 15% and apply it to the donation of certain qualified items of raw agricultural products or processed foods. The bill would expand the definition of a qualified taxpayer to also include the person responsible for growing or raising a qualified donation item, or harvesting, packing, or processing a donation item. The expanded program would be effective for tax years prior to January 1, 2021. The bill would also change the names of the existing "State Emergency Food Assistance Program" and "Emergency Food Assistance Program Account" to the "CalFood Program" and the "CalFood Account."

The Franchise Tax Board estimates that the bill will reduce General Fund revenue by \$400,000 in FY 2015/16, \$1 million in FY 2016/17, and \$1.4 million in FY 2017/18.

The bill has passed in the Assembly and will be considered by the Senate

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Appropriations committee when the legislature reconvenes.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:

N/A

LINKAGE TO THE COUNTY OF TULARE STRATEGIC BUSINESS PLAN:

The letter of request supports Tulare County's Strategic Initiatives of Quality of Life by promoting public health and welfare by encouraging donations of food supplies to local food banks.

ADMINISTRATIVE SIGN-OFF:

Debbie Vaughn
Senior Administrative Analyst

Cc: Auditor-Controller
County Counsel
County Administrative Office (2)

Attachment(s) Letter of support

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF TULARE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

**IN THE MATTER OF APPROVE LETTER) Resolution No. _____
OF SUPPORT) Agreement No. _____**

UPON MOTION OF SUPERVISOR _____, SECONDED BY
SUPERVISOR _____, THE FOLLOWING WAS ADOPTED BY THE
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, AT AN OFFICIAL MEETING HELD _____
_____, BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES:
NOES:
ABSTAIN:
ABSENT:

ATTEST: JEAN M. ROUSSEAU
COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER/
CLERK, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

BY: _____
Deputy Clerk

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Approved sending a letter of support for Assembly Bill 515 (Eggman) which would expand the existing tax credit program related to the donation of food items to food banks located in California.

August 11, 2015

Honorable Ricardo Lara
Chairman, Senate Appropriations
State Capitol, Room 2206
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: AB 515 (Eggman) SUPPORT

Dear Senator Lara:

The Tulare County Board of Supervisors supports AB 515 (Eggman) which would expand, for tax years prior to January 1, 2012, the existing tax credit program related to the donation of food items to food banks in California. We believe that the expansion of the definitions of a qualified taxpayer and qualified donation items as well as the increase of 5% to the tax credit will encourage additional food donations to food banks throughout the State. Locally, the bill offers an enhanced incentive for agricultural producers to contribute food items to food banks that are in need of increased donations as our economy slowly recovers from the recession and copes with the impacts of the drought.

If you have additional questions, please contact Jean M. Rousseau, County Administrative Officer, at 559-636-5005 or jrousseau@co.tulare.ca.us.

Sincerely,

J. Steven Worthley, Chairman
Tulare County Board of Supervisors

Mike Ennis, Vice-Chairman
Tulare County Board of Supervisors

Allen Ishida, District One
Tulare County Board of Supervisors

Pete Vander Poel, District Two
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cc: Senator Kevin De Leon
Senator Andy Vidak
Senator Jean Fuller
Assemblymember Susan Talamantes Eggman

Paul Yoder, Strategic Local Government Services