



**Board of Supervisors
COUNTY OF TULARE
AGENDA ITEM**

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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AGENDA DATE: April 18, 2017

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: Julieta Martinez PHONE: 636-5000				

SUBJECT: Federal legislative priorities

REQUEST(S):

That the Board of Supervisors:
Receive input and provide direction in regards to the 2017 Federal legislative priorities.

SUMMARY:

The Board of Supervisors annually adopts federal legislative priorities. A summary of the 2017 proposed federal legislative priorities is contained in Exhibit A.

Staff is requesting that the Board provide direction, select their top priorities, and make any necessary amendments for the 2017 annual Federal advocacy trip.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:

N/A

LINKAGE TO THE COUNTY OF TULARE STRATEGIC BUSINESS PLAN:

The County's Strategic Plan includes the four initiatives of 1) Safety and Security, 2) Economic Well-Being, 3) Quality of Life, and 4) Organizational Performance. Each of the proposed federal priority issues addresses one or more of these initiatives.

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ADMINISTRATIVE SIGN-OFF:

Julieta Martinez
Chief of Staff

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

Attachment(s) Exhibit A

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

**IN THE MATTER OF FEDERAL
LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES**

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) **Resolution No.** _____
) **Agreement No.** _____
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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: MICHAEL C. SPATA
COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER/
CLERK, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

BY: _____
Deputy Clerk

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Receive input and provide direction in regards to the 2017 Federal Legislative Priorities.

Exhibit A DRAFT Federal Priority Issues 2017

Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILT)

Payments in Lieu of Taxes" (or PILT) are Federal payments to local governments that help offset losses in property taxes due to nontaxable Federal lands within their boundaries. California received a little over \$47 million in PILT payments based on 44 million acres of federal land in 57 out of 58 counties. Tulare County received \$3,263,892 in 2015 for 1,530,476 acres.

Request: Reauthorization of Payment in Lieu of Taxes at full funding.

State Criminal Alien Assistance Program (SCAAP)

Bureau of Justice Assistance, U.S. Department of Justice administers the State Criminal Alien Assistance Program (SCAAP) in conjunction with the Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and Citizenship and Immigration Services, Department of Homeland Security (DHS). SCAAP provides federal payments to states and localities that incurred correctional officer salary costs for incarcerating undocumented criminal aliens with at least one felony or two misdemeanor convictions for violations of state or local law, and incarcerated for at least 4 consecutive days during the reporting period. SCAAP funding has decreased 65% since 2010. Tulare County received \$552,875 in 2016 which is approximately 4% of the actual costs incurred.

Request: Reauthorization of SCAAP at full funding.

Success Dam Enlargement

Lake Success not only provides recreational opportunities for residents of Tulare County and tourists but also ensures water supply to surrounding areas. Enlarging the spill way increases capacity in a safe manner that would allow for additional water storage.

Request: Support funding and/or legislation to continue to work with community partners and the Army Corps of Engineers to raise the Success Dam spillway.

Water Supply/Recharge Projects

The San Joaquin Valley Water Infrastructure Authority (SJWWIA) was established under a Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement adopted by the Counties of Merced, Madera, Fresno, Kings, and Tulare. This came in response to severe water supply reductions experienced in many parts of the San Joaquin Valley since 2012. The Joint Powers Authority was formed to seek, promote, arrange and compete for grant and other funding for water infrastructure projects benefitting the San Joaquin Valley constituents. These projects include, but are not limited to, the proposed Temperance Flat Dam on the San Joaquin River and other local surface and groundwater storage projects. These projects would be designed to improve water supply availability and reliability for the San Joaquin Valley's steadily growing population and business community as well as the agriculture industry.

Request: Support for application, planning and construction of water supply and recharge projects such as the Temperance Flat Dam.

Active Forest Management

On October 20, 2015, Governor Brown declared an emergency proclamation on the tree mortality epidemic and requested federal support and partnership. Fuel reduction, reforestation projects, pest and diseased tree removal, and long-term protection of forested lands vulnerable to conversion are all needed to address the ongoing tree mortality epidemic. To date, 101 million dead or dying trees have been found within 18 California counties with an estimate of 240,000 acres with new conifer mortality and an estimated 8.1 million dead or dying trees in Tulare County alone.

Request: Support legislation and/or funding appropriations to augment the ongoing pest and diseased tree removal, fire prevention, and reforestation activities in our National Forests.

Farm to Market Routes

The dairy industry plays a major part in the economy of Tulare County and provides five percent (5%) of all milk consumed in the United States. Hundreds of gallons of milk are produced every day from each of the over 360 dairies in Tulare County. All of this milk is transported to processing facilities by truck over county roads. According to Caltrans, a fully loaded dairy truck can weigh up to 80,000 pounds. Roadways carrying 500 trucks per day would be impacted the same as if 5 million passenger cars had traveled that same road. The Tulare County Association of Governments has developed a farm to market strategy for prioritization that can be duplicated or used as a basis for a new program.

Request: Provide special funding for rural roads that are used by dairies for daily farm to market shipping through a set aside in the next Transportation or Farm Bill.