



Board of Supervisors COUNTY OF TULARE AGENDA ITEM

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AGENDA DATE: April 3, 2018

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 2018 Federal legislative priorities.

SUMMARY:

The Board of Supervisors annually adopts federal legislative priorities. A summary of the 2018 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 2018 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.** _____
)

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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Received input and provided direction in regards to the 2018 Federal Legislative
Priorities.

Exhibit A

DRAFT Federal Priority Issues 2018

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 \$48 million in PILT payments based on 44 million acres of federal land in 57 out of 58 counties. Tulare County received \$3,329,700 in 2017 for 1,530,408 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 Reservoir Enlargement Project (SREP)

The SREP proposal is to increase flood protections to communities in the County of Tulare, including downstream agricultural lands. Success Reservoir was selected to receiving funding to address additional costs needed to account for mitigation for upstream and downstream effects, and incorporation of design changes from recent failure events at Oroville Dam in California. Funding will be in the next Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) bill.

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 (SJVVIA) was established under a Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement adopted by the Counties of Merced, Madera, Fresno, Kings, and Tulare. 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. The goal is 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.

The House passed the Fiscal Year 2018 omnibus spending bill (H.R. 1625) agreement which includes funding for California water storage projects as requested by the U.S. Department of Interior. Funded was Temperance Flat for \$1.5 million to complete the long-pending feasibility study. The project is still pending review from the California Water Commission for State Prop 1 funding.

Request: Support for the 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, 129 million

dead or dying trees have been found within 18 California and an estimated 29 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.

Infrastructure Initiative – Local Match

The recent White House Infrastructure Proposal seeks to fund major infrastructure projects through a combination of new Federal funding, non-Federal funding, and newly prioritized and expedited projects. It is unclear if existing sales tax measure can be used to match federal funding.

Request: Allow already approved sales tax measures to be eligible as the match for the federal funding under the new infrastructure initiative.

Infrastructure Initiative – Definition of Rural

The recent White House Infrastructure Proposal seeks to fund major infrastructure projects through a combination of new Federal funding, non-Federal funding, and newly prioritized and expedited projects. A percentage of funding is slated to go to rural areas of a certain population. The definition of rural under consideration would say a County is NOT rural if there exists a metropolitan area in the County. This would immediately eliminate Tulare County from any funding considerations.

Request: Include rural portions of counties that have urban areas under the definition of rural by carving out the metropolitan areas and classifying the remaining section as rural.

Subsidence in Friant-Kern Canal

Subsidence along the Friant-Kern is a result of increased groundwater pumping from about 2012 to 2016. The groundwater pumping came in response to reduced and curtailed surface water deliveries by the Bureau of Reclamation during that period. Canal capacity is now about 1,750 cubic feet per second, down from a designed capacity of 4,000 cfs. Long term repairs to the canal system could cost upwards of \$350 million in the next couple of years. This includes bridge work in concert with Tulare County.

There is a new water bond under consideration in the state of California that could potentially contribute to the repairs but long term-fixes cannot happen without both state and federal funding.

Request: Support legislation and/or funding appropriations to address the issue of subsidence along the Friant-Kern Canal and its effect on 5 Tulare County bridges.