



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

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

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**AGENDA DATE:** May 21, 2019

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: 559.636.5000				

**SUBJECT:** Approve letter of support for H.R. 1600

**REQUEST(S):**  
That the Board of Supervisors:  
Approve a letter of support for H.R. 1600 – RAILWAY Act.

**SUMMARY:**  
Congressman Kevin McCarthy introduced legislation to repurpose recovered Federal funding from the California High-Speed Rail project to critical water infrastructure projects in California and the West. H.R. 1600, the Repurposing Assets to Increase Long-Term Water Availability Act and Yield (RAILWAY) Act, seeks to repurpose up to \$3.5 billion in funding for water storage infrastructure projects as outlined in the bipartisan 2016 Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation (WIIN) Act. Under the WIIN Act, five storage project in California are advancing, and when completed, could provide 5 million acre-feet of additional water storage to the state.

After experiencing 5 years of droughts, with significant impacts to Tulare County agriculture and disadvantaged communities, the Railway Act would address the crisis by providing significant funding for California and the Central Valley's biggest needs – infrastructure projects that help the state capture and store water during wet years for use in dry ones. This bill redirects crucial funds and resources where they are needed most.

Staff recommends that the Tulare County Board of Supervisors take a support position for H.R. 1600 – RAILWAY Act.

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**FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:**

There is no Net County Cost to the General Fund.

**LINKAGE TO THE COUNTY OF TULARE STRATEGIC BUSINESS PLAN:**

Approve a letter of support for H.R. 1600 is linked to the Organizational Performance – Continuously improve organizational effectiveness and fiscal stability.

**ADMINISTRATIVE SIGN-OFF:**



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Julieta Martinez  
Chief of Staff

cc: County Administrative Office

Attachment(s) Letter of support for H.R. 1600

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

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVE  
A LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR  
H.R. 1600

)  
) 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: JASON T. BRITT  
COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER/  
CLERK, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy Clerk

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Approved a letter of support for H.R. 1600 – RAILWAY Act.

May 21, 2019

The Honorable Kevin McCarthy  
U.S. Congress  
2468 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

**RE: Support for H.R. 1600 – RAILWAY Act**

Dear Congressman McCarthy:

On behalf of the County of Tulare, we write to respectfully inform you of our support for H.R. 1600 – the Repurposing Assets to Increase Long-Term Water Availability Act and Yield (RAILWAY) Act.

Funding for water infrastructure projects would not only be greatly beneficial to the State of California but to the Central Valley and Tulare County as a whole. For years, the County suffered the effects of the drought on agriculture, our local economy, and our disadvantaged communities. Providing funding to capture and store water during wet years for future droughts would increase drought resiliency. Tulare County agrees that this funding would ensure communities, families, and farmers have access to life-sustaining water.

Tulare County has been an advocate for water infrastructure projects at both the State and Federal level. For years, we have met with our representatives to find comprehensive solutions for safe drinking water, building the infrastructure needed for our disadvantaged communities, and most recently addressing the impacts that the California State Groundwater Management Act will have on our farmers and agriculture economy.

For these reasons, the County of Tulare is in full support of H.R. 1600 – RAILWAY Act. Please contact our office should you have any further questions.

Sincerely,

**Kuyler Crocker, Chairman**  
Tulare County Board of Supervisors

**Pete Vander Poel, Vice-Chairman**  
Tulare County Board of Supervisors

**Amy Shuklian, District Three**  
Tulare County Board of Supervisors

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CC: Tulare County Delegation  
David Wetmore, Carpi & Clay