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California's Rural Counties Unite in Urging Congress to Fully Fund Federal PILT

RCRC Delegate Represents 30 Rural Counties During NACo Fly-In

SACRAMENTO, CA – September 09, 2015 – The Rural County Representatives of California (RCRC) announced today that 30 California counties have adopted resolutions urging Congress to reauthorize and fully fund the Federal Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) program. Mariposa County Supervisor Kevin Cann joins the National Association of Counties (NACo) in Washington, D.C. this week armed with these resolutions, urging Congress to fully fund Federal PILT.

Federal PILT funding mitigates the impact to county governments and schools from the losses in property taxes due to nontaxable Federal lands within local government boundaries – a loss totaling an average of more than \$40 million to California's counties annually.

“Federal PILT is a critical funding source for California's counties, particularly as many rural counties contain significant federal landholdings, and Federal PILT counts as a sizeable share of their county services budget,” said Lee Adams, RCRC Chair and Sierra County Supervisor. “Failure to reauthorize and fully fund the program will result in diminished funding for essential services such as law enforcement, firefighting, search-and-rescue operations, construction and maintenance of roads, and many other vital local services.”

Counties that contain National Forests, National Parks, lands administered by the Bureau of Land Management, lands dedicated for Federal water use, National Wildlife Reserves, and inactive or semi-active Army installations are eligible for Federal PILT payments.

Supervisor Cann and other Supervisors/Commissioners from the 13 Western States will be on hand in Washington, D.C. advocating for Federal PILT funding through the end of the week. Through RCRC, 30 California counties have adopted resolutions urging Congress to reauthorize and fully fund Federal PILT. The 30 California counties that have adopted individual resolutions this year include Alpine, Amador, Butte, Calaveras, Colusa, Del Norte, El Dorado, Glenn, Humboldt, Imperial, Inyo, Lake,

Lassen, Madera, Mariposa, Mendocino, Modoc, Mono, Napa, Nevada, Plumas, Shasta, Sierra, Siskiyou, Tehama, Trinity, Tulare, Tuolumne, Yuba, and Yolo.

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