

RCRC Statement on Veto of Senate Bill 1188 Regarding State PILT

RCRC is deeply disappointed in Governor Brown's veto of Senate Bill 1188 by Senator Mike McGuire (D-Healdsburg). The Governor's veto message of SB 1188 misses the mark, and does not address the intent of the legislation itself. While Governor Brown has included State Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) funding in the 2016-17 budget, last year's change in statute leaves the future of PILT payments in question. State PILT is key to California's rural county general funds for a variety of programs including health and welfare and public safety, and last year's change in statute making PILT payments permissive instead of mandatory is reneging on the State's 1949 commitment to counties. Counties are the home to these lands where many Californians and other visitors recreate. RCRC is poised to continue fighting for this change in statute to protect the State's commitment to its rural county partners.