

## **Nevada County Urges Congress to Reauthorize Payments to Counties**

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NEVADA CITY, Calif. September 11, 2015 - In January of this year, the Nevada County Board of Supervisors adopted a Resolution urging Congress to reauthorize and fully fund the Federal Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) program. Federal PILT funding mitigates the impact to county governments when the federal government acquires private lands that had been subject to local property tax. Once these lands are placed into public ownership, local property tax is not applicable.

“Federal PILT funding is critical to Nevada County’s ability to provide essential services such as law enforcement, firefighting, search-and-rescue operations, construction and maintenance of roads, and more” said Supervisor Nate Beason, Nevada County’s Delegate to the Rural County Representatives of California (RCRC) and the organization’s former Chair. “Absent reauthorization, Nevada County is set to lose nearly \$325,000 next year alone.”

For nearly 40 years the federal government has provided county reimbursements under the Federal PILT program; however, these payments are subject to the discretion of Congress. Unless Congress acts before October 1, 2015, Federal PILT payments will be placed in jeopardy. Nevada County and others 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-inactive Army installations are eligible for Federal PILT payments.

Nevada County joins RCRC in a statewide effort to raise awareness on the importance of Federal PILT funding for California’s rural counties, and highlight how the lack of authorization impacts their ability to adequately and appropriately fund basic and vital local services. Nevada County and 29 other rural California counties unite in urging Congress to fully fund Federal PILT.

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