

DEPARTMENT: Board of Supervisors

BY: Bob Pickard
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RECOMMENDED ACTION AND JUSTIFICATION:

Ratify the signature of the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors on a letter in support of SB 542 regarding the equity in the distribution of gas tax monies for counties with no cities. Senator Cogdill has been successful in getting the Majority Leadership to consider the possibility of adding this Bill's language to the 2007-08 State Budget with the hope that the Governor will not "blue pencil" the funding request before he ratifies the Legislature's Budget.

SB 542 will provide counties with no incorporated cities (Alpine, Mariposa, and Trinity) with the minimal allocated funding for an incorporated area. If successful, SB 542 will provide Mariposa County with approximately \$90,000 in additional revenue.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:

The Board has previously ratified the signature of the Chairman on letters regarding issues that have urgent timelines.

ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

Financial Impact? () Yes (X) No	Current FY Cost: \$	Annual Recurring Cost: \$
Budgeted In Current FY? () Yes () No () Partially Funded		
Amount in Budget: \$		List Attachments, number pages consecutively
Additional Funding Needed: \$		Letter
Source:		
Internal Transfer		
Unanticipated Revenue	_____ 4/5's vote	
Transfer Between Funds	_____ 4/5's vote	
Contingency	_____ 4/5's vote	
() General () Other		

CLERK'S USE ONLY:


Res. No.: 07.344 Ord. No. _____
Vote - Ayes: 5 Noes: _____
Absent: _____
Am Approved
() Minute Order Attached () No Action Necessary

The foregoing instrument is a correct copy of the original on file in this office.

Date: _____
Attest: MARGIE WILLIAMS, Clerk of the Board
County of Mariposa, State of California
By: _____
Deputy

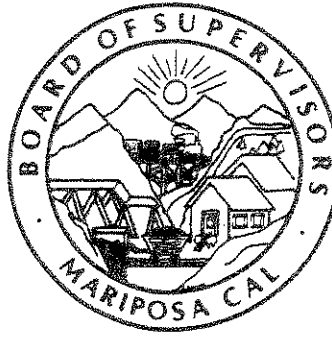
COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER:

Requested Action Recommended
 No Opinion
Comments:

CAO: 

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July 17, 2007

The Honorable Dave Cogdill
California State Senator
State Capital, Room 5087
Sacramento, California 95814

See file copy.

Re: Support SB 524 (Cogdill)

Dear Senator Cogdill:

On behalf of the Mariposa County Board of Supervisors, I am writing to express our support for Senate Bill 524 which attempts to secure funding for Alpine, Mariposa, and Trinity Counties. Because there are no incorporated cities within these counties, municipal type services are provided to the residents by the respective county government.

Under current law, cities and counties receive revenues through various statutory subvention formulas. Cities and counties receive proceeds from vehicle license fees (VLF), gas taxes and diesel fuel taxes. These funding sources are split into two pools (one for cities and one for counties) and allocated based on the population of the respective county/city. Local governments use these funds to provide a variety of services within their jurisdiction.

The mere presence of a city within the jurisdiction of a county allows a county to receive funding from both pools. Because Alpine, Mariposa, and Trinity Counties have no incorporated cities within their jurisdictions, they are eligible to receive monies from only one fund – the county portion of the funds because monies are not available from the city portion.

SB 524 addresses this inequity by providing monies from the State's General Fund to make-up for what our counties would receive if they had a minimal number of residents located in an incorporated area. This minimal funding should be allocated to these three counties as a way to provide equity for the costs of providing services since the demand for services in these counties is no different than in any other area of the State.

This issue is of major concern to the Board of Supervisors of Mariposa County. As such we are asking for a permanent legislative remedy. Our County urges your support and looks forward to the successful passage, signature, and implementation of SB 524.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Janet Bibby". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned to the left of the printed name and title.

JANET BIBBY
Chairman

JB/BP/mbh

cc: Tom Berryhill, Assembly Member
Wes Lujan, Advocation Inc.
Alpine County Board of Supervisors
Trinity County Board of Supervisors
Regional Council of Rural Counties
California State Association of Counties
Mariposa County Board of Supervisors