

DEPARTMENT: Administration

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RECOMMENDED ACTION AND JUSTIFICATION:

Authorize the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors to sign a letter requesting the Governor to include equalization funding in the May Revision for counties with no incorporated cities. Currently there are three counties in California that do not have incorporated cities – Alpine, Mariposa, and Trinity. These counties do not receive additional compensation of Vehicle License Fee (VLF) and fuel tax revenues for the municipal services they provide to their residents in the absence of cities. The letter requests that \$147,000 be included in the May Revision, of which Mariposa County would receive approximately \$81,000.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:

In 1998 the Legislature approved and the Governor signed into effect Assembly Bill 473, which appropriated additional funding for the three counties with no incorporated cities. This funding was eliminated from the State Budget in Fiscal Year 2004-2005 and has to date never been reinstated. Mariposa County received \$80,262 in Fiscal Year 2003-2004.

ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

Do not authorize the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors to sign the letter. Individual Board members may write their own letters of support, but these letters may not carry the same importance as a letter endorsed by the Board.

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: \$		Draft 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.: 02-42 Ord. No. _____
Vote - Ayes: 5 Noes: _____
Absent: _____
mw 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: *[Signature]*

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February 6, 2007

The Honorable Arnold Schwarzenegger
Governor, State of California
State Capitol
Sacramento, California 95814

RE: Equalization Funding for Counties with No Cities

Dear Governor Schwarzenegger:

As one of the three counties with no incorporated cities, the Mariposa County Board of Supervisors respectfully requests the inclusion of equalization funding in the context of the May Revise. We are disappointed that the \$147,000 was not included in the budget you proposed to the Legislature earlier this month.

In 1998, Assembly Bill 473 was passed unanimously on the floors of the Legislature and signed by the Governor to annually appropriate \$147,000 to be divided between Alpine, Mariposa and Trinity counties. This funding was intended to be special compensation due to the fact these counties contain no incorporated cities, and hence do not receive any additional Vehicle License Fees (VLF) or fuel tax revenues to compensate for the municipal services they provide to their residents in the absence of cities.

This allocation was intended as a means to equalize funding for these counties without affecting the VLF distributions to the cities statewide.

It is our request that you reinstate this funding in the context of the May Revise. We are committed to pursuing this funding with both your Administration and our legislators. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

JANET BIBBY
Chairman

JB/RB/mbh

cc: Honorable Members of the Senate and Assembly Budget Committees
Mr. Mike Genest, Director Department of Finance
Ms. Brenda Quintana, Director of Local Government Affairs
Mr. John Moffatt, Deputy Legislative Secretary, Office of the Governor
Honorable Dave Cogdill, State Senator
Honorable Tom Berryhill, Assembly Member
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