

MARIPOSA COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
DEPARTMENT: Administration

AGENDA
ACTION FORM
BY: Greg Iturria

DATE: June 5, 2001
AGENDA ITEM NO.:
PHONE: 966-3222

RECOMMENDED ACTION AND JUSTIFICATION:

(Policy Item: Yes ___ No X)

Authorize the Chairman to sign a letter of support of Assembly Member Cogdill's authored legislation ACA 10. Assembly Constitutional Amendment 10 will incrementally eliminate the Educational Revenue Augmentation Fund (ERAF) shift. ACA 10 passed the Assembly Local Government Committee with bipartisan and unanimous support and will next be heard in the Assembly Committee on Elections, Reapportionment, and Constitutional Amendments. Since this bill seeks to amend the California Constitution, it will go on the ballot for a vote of the public if successful in passing both houses of the Legislature.

Assembly Member Cogdill has requested our assistance in getting this landmark bill passed, and has asked for a letter of support.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:

The Board has supported legislation that will benefit the financial status of Mariposa County and ultimately the citizens of Mariposa County.

LIST ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

Do not authorize the Chairman to sign the letter of support. If ACA 10 does not receive enough support from local governments, then it may not pass the Legislature or be successful in a vote by the public. There will be no change in the current allocation of property tax revenue.

COSTS:	() Not Applicable		SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:
A.	Budgeted Current FY	\$	List the attachments and number the pages consecutively:
B.	Total Anticipated Costs	\$	Draft letter of support for ACA 10
C.	Required Additional Funding	\$	Assembly Member Cogdill's letter requesting support.
D.	Internal Transfers	\$	
SOURCE:	() 4/5ths Vote Required	\$	
A.	Unanticipated Revenues	\$	
B.	Reserve for Contingencies	\$	
C.	Source Description: _____		
Balance in Reserve for Contingencies, if approved:			

CLERKS USE ONLY:

Res. No. 01-153 Ord. No. _____

Vote - Ayes: 5 Noes: _____

Absent: _____ Abstained: _____

Amw Approved () Denied

() 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

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION:

This item on agenda as:

Recommended

Not Recommended

For Policy Determination

Submitted with Comment

Returned for Further Action

Comment: _____

CAO's Initials: Amw

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June 5, 2001

The Honorable Dave Cogdill
California State Assembly Member
Post Office Box 942849
Sacramento, California 94249-0001

RE: ACA 10

Dear Assembly Member Cogdill:

Mariposa County supports your authored legislation Assembly Constitutional Amendment Number 10. ACA 10 seeks to amend the California Constitution by modifying the allocation of property tax revenues. In response to a budget crisis in 1992, the Legislature reduced the amount of property taxes allocated to local governments. Simultaneously the Legislature allocated an equal amount of property tax revenue to the Educational Revenue Augmentation Fund (ERAF) for distribution to school districts.

Since the establishment of ERAF, nearly \$30 billion has been removed from local governments. This reduction in available funds has inflicted severe and on-going damage to local government services such as public safety, health, roads, parks, and libraries. ACA 10 will incrementally eliminate the ERAF shift and thereby provide a much needed recovery in discretionary revenue for local governments.

Thank you for sponsoring legislation that will help the financial status of local governments and allow us to improve on the quality and level of service that we provide to our citizens.

Sincerely,

DOUG BALMAIN
Chairman

DB/mbh

cc: Senator Monteith
California State Association of Counties
Regional Council of Rural Counties
Dale Wagerman, Wagerman Associates, Inc.

