



# County of El Dorado

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TO: Board of Supervisors

FR: Laura Schwartz, Chief Budget Officer

RE: PILT and SRS Funding

The County receives annual Federal Secure Rural Schools (SRS) funding. These funds are utilized in two ways. The Title I funds are split 50/50 between the local school districts and the County Road Fund. Annually these funds amount to approximately \$1,800,000 resulting in almost \$900,000 for the County Road Fund. These funds are used for Road Maintenance on the many miles of County roads. The FY 2014-15 budget does include approximately \$880,000 in SRS funding for Road Maintenance. If these funds are not received this road maintenance will not be performed leading to more deterioration and higher maintenance costs over the long term.

In addition to the Title I funds, the County also receives Title III funds eligible for firewise and Search and Rescue activities. The amount of this funding varies from year to year. Last year the County received approximately \$136,000 for these activities. This funding came in late in the year and is actually budgeted for use in FY 2014-15. The funding was split 50/50 between the Fire Safe Council and Sheriff Search and Rescue.

Annually the County also received Federal Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILT). This funding ranges from \$150,000 to \$300,000. These funds are used for discretionary General Fund activities. Last year the County received \$327,000 in PILT funds and the budget for FY 2014-15 includes \$300,000 in anticipated funding.

All of these funding sources are crucial for continued County services and I urge the Board to support the effort of reauthorization.