



County of Del Norte Board of Supervisors

Board Report

AGENDA DATE: April 25, 2023
TO: Del Norte County Board of Supervisors
FROM: Darrin Short, Supervisor, District 1
District 1 Supervisor
SUBJECT: National Center for Public Lands

RECOMMENDATION FOR BOARD ACTION:

Authorize a one-time contribution to help fund the establishment of a National Center for Public Lands Counties and approve corresponding Budget Transfer #04-04 in the amount of \$35,777.17 within the Contingency and Advertising/Promotion budget units, as requested by Chair Short.**

DISCUSSION/SUMMARY:

The National Association of Counties (NACo) and the Western Interstate Regions (WIR) Boards of Directors have established the National Center for Public Lands Counties (The Center) to give public lands counties an enhanced opportunity to demonstrate how prosperous public lands counties create a prosperous United States. The Center will report to the NACo and WIR Board of Directors on its financial health and issue an annual report on research and progress at the annual WIR Conference. Based on communication from CSAC, it is understood that the Center will strongly advocate for permanent and sustainable formulas for the Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) and Secure Rural Schools (SRS) programs back to counties with federal public lands, in particular rural, western counties such as Del Norte County. The hope is that by investing in The Center, the County will realize a potentially substantial return on its investment through permanent PILT and SRS payments received by the County.

To fund this opportunity, NACo is requesting counties make a one-time contribution to get the Center up and running. While each county may decide if and how much they would like to contribute, the requested amount is equivalent to 1% of each county's allocation under the Local Assistance and Tribal Consistency Fund (LATCF), which was awarded through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). County contributions will be collected through CSAC and passed along to NACo. In anticipation of approval of the request, CSAC has prepared an invoice with the charge to Del Norte County for this donation in the amount of \$35,777.17.

Should the Board authorize this contribution, a Budget Transfer is attached for Board approval to transfer the funds from the Contingency budget unit (101-911) to the

Advertising/Promotions budget unit (101-171), see attached.

ALTERNATIVES:

Reject request for contribution and budget transfer.

FINANCING:

General Fund

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

CSAC and NACo

CHILDREN'S IMPACT STATEMENT:

This section meets the following outcome measures for children in Del Norte County:

- Communities are safe and provide a high quality of life.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. 2023-04-25 National Center for Public Lands - Exhibit
2. BT#04-04 \$35,778.00

APPROVALS:

Neal Lopez, County Administrative Officer
Auditors Office, Accountant-Auditor
Clinton Schaad, Auditor-Controller
Neal Lopez, County Administrative Officer
Kylie Goughnour , Clerk of the Board

Approved - 4/12/2023
Pending - 1/1/1900