



COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

AGENDA ITEM NO.  
**C-3**

For the meeting of: February 10, 2015

Date: January 28, 2015  
To: Board of Supervisors  
From: Supervisors Mark Lovelace and Supervisor Rex Bohn  
Subject: Consider Sending a Letter to Governor Jerry Brown Requesting a General Fund Appropriation in the State 2015-2016 Budget to Mitigate Impacts from Indian Gaming as a Result of the Lack of SDF Funding in the State 2014-2015.

RECOMMENDATION(S): That the Board of Supervisors send a letter to Governor Jerry Brown requesting a General Fund Appropriation in the State 2015-2016 budget in an effort to restore SDF Funding to help mitigate impacts from Indian Gaming.

SOURCE OF FUNDING: N/A

DISCUSSION: There was no appropriation from the Special Distribution Fund (SDF) for local government Indian Gaming grants in FY 2014-15. As the SDF fund continues to be insolvent, CSAC is advocating for a General Fund appropriation in the 2015-2016 State Budget to assist counties with mitigating the impacts from Indian Gaming, and has requested counties send letters to Governor encouraging the appropriation.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: N/A

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT: N/A

ALTERNATIVES TO STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS: Board discretion.

ATTACHMENTS: Proposed Letter.

Signature *Mark Lovelace*

Signature *Rex Bohn*

Prepared by Kathy Hayes

REVIEW: Auditor \_\_\_\_\_ County Counsel \_\_\_\_\_ Personnel \_\_\_\_\_ Risk Manager \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

TYPE OF ITEM:  
 Consent  
 Departmental  
 Public Hearing  
 Other \_\_\_\_\_

PREVIOUS ACTION/REFERRAL:

Board Order No. \_\_\_\_\_

Meeting of: \_\_\_\_\_

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT**  
Upon motion of Supervisor \_\_\_\_\_  
Seconded by Supervisor \_\_\_\_\_

Ayes  
Nays  
Abstain  
Absent

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and carried by those members present, the Board hereby approves the recommended action contained in this Board report.

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_

**Kathy Hayes, Clerk of the Board**



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

**COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT**

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February 10, 2015

The Honorable Edmund G. Brown, Jr.  
Governor of California  
State Capitol  
10th & L Streets  
Sacramento, CA 95814  
FAX: (916) 445-4633

Re:    Special Distribution Funding (SDF) in 2015-2016 State Budget

Dear Governor Brown:

On behalf of the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors, I am writing to respectfully request that a General Fund appropriation be included in the 2015-2016 State budget to restore SDF funding to help counties mitigate impacts from Indian Gaming.

Many of the projects funded in the past by the SDF have significantly reduced impacts from tribal gaming in Humboldt County, i.e., the addition of increased law enforcement hours to handle increased calls related to casino activity, to the purchase of much needed fire, safety and emergency medical equipment for local fire jurisdictions to improve response and services related to Indian gaming.

Over the years, SDF funding has consistently declined and our Board is extremely concerned that loss of these funds will have significant impacts on public safety, law enforcement, fire and emergency medical services, and public health to name a few.

Accordingly, restoration of SDF funding is vital in lessening the ongoing impacts from tribal casinos in Humboldt County. Thank you in advance for your attention of this very important matter.

Sincerely,

Estelle Fennell, Chair,  
Humboldt County Board of Supervisors

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