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RESOLUTION

USDA CONSERVATION PROGRAMS AND IMPACTS ON LOCAL TAX BASE

Local tax revenues on more than 200,000 acres in the 6-county South Delta area have already been impacted by federal acquisitions, state acquisitions and federal conservation easement programs such as WRP. Accordingly, county officials and local property owners in the area have expressed a preference for the option of conservation easements for the life of the project or contract instead of fee simple acquisition or permanent easements in the case of water resource projects and other federal and state programs in the South Delta.

In order to make certain that any future reforestation contracts associated with CRP and other federal programs leave the county property tax base “whole and harmless”, it is proposed that state laws and the tax assessors’ manual allow the local government to receive an equivalent per-acre revenue on those croplands enrolled in these programs for the life of the contract.

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