

# **AGENDA REQUEST & STAFF REPORT**

**MEETING DATE:** February 1, 2023

**SUBJECT:** Approval of the 2022 Title III Certification Form Related to Secure Rural Schools

Funds

#### **RECOMMENDED MOTION:**

Move approval of Chair signature of Document No. 2023-136, 2022 Title III Certification Form.

# **BACKGROUND AND POLICY IMPLICATIONS:**

The Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000 (the Act), reauthorized in Public Law 110-343 and Public Law 112-141, requires the appropriate official of a county that receives funds under title III of the Act to submit to the Secretary concerned (the Secretary of Agriculture, or the Secretary of the Interior, as appropriate) an annual certification that the funds expended have been used for the uses authorized under section 302(a) of the Act. The Secretary concerned also is requiring the appropriate official to certify the amount of title III funds received since October 2008 that have not been obligated as of September 30 of the previous year.

The appropriate official of each participating county may use this form (see page 2) to report information to meet the requirements of the Act. Certification must be made by February 1 following each year title III funds are expended. Certain counties in Oregon receive title III payments initiated by both the Department of Agriculture and the Department of the Interior. If the county received Secure Rural Schools Act title III payments from more than one agency, the county must certify separately to each Secretary regarding the separate payment initiated by that agency. Submit the certification to the appropriate address below for the respective agency.

## **BUDGET IMPACTS:**

Money is drawn down from the Title III fund (327) to fund Search and Rescue efforts within the County and to fund the Forester and Fire Adapted Communities Coordinator positions.

## **ATTENDANCE:**

Kevin Moriarty, County Forester