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### Placer County Hit by Storms; Sandbags Available

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Placer County crews and residents are facing a series of challenges resulting from the storms that hit the area last weekend.

Placer County Public Works crews have delivered sand and sand bags to the locations listed at the right for Placer County residents, if needed.

Residents who live near streams should stay alert when heavy rain falls as waters may rise. A number of roads have been closed. Motorists should avoid moving water.

Residents are advised to avoid contact with the water because floodwaters have overwhelmed some waste water treatment facilities, causing waste water to spill into streams.

"It's particularly important to keep children out of the storm water, which isn't a good place to play," said Dr. Richard Burton, Placer County Public Health Officer. "Homeowners who need to be in the water to deal with the storm should wash with soap and water afterwards.

A number of local roads are closed, while some may have reopened. State highway information is <u>available online</u> or call 1-800-427-ROAD. Road information will be posted on the county web site, however residents are reminded to remain alert because situations are changing rapidly.

#### **Road Closures:**

- South Brewer
  Road, Lincoln,
  has bben
  opened,
  however,
  "flooded" signs
  are posted as a
  reminder, due
  to presence of
  flood water in
  the area
- Catlett Road, Lincoln, between South Brewer Road and the Sutter County line (nearest cross street is Pleasant Gove)

#### Sandbag and sand locations:

• Placer County Fire, Dry

Creek station, located 8350 Cook Riolo Road;

- Loomis Loomis
   Corporation
   Yard -- on
   Taylor Road;
- Placer
   Consolidated
   Fire Protection
   District, 11645
   Atwood Road,
   Auburn;
- Placer
   Consolidated
   Fire Protection
   District, Wise
   & Crater Hill
   Roads, Ophir;
- South Placer
   Fire Protection
   District, 6900
   Eureka Road,
   Granite Bay;
- CDF Station in Lincoln, 401 Oak Tree Lane, Lincoln;
- CDF Station in Bowman, 13760 Lincoln Way;
- Placer County Fire, Sheridan Station;
- Placer County Fire, Paige Station, 5584 Nicolaus Road.



### Storm Preparedness Advisory & Road Closures

Dec. 30, 2005

With significant amounts of wind and rain expected this weekend, the Placer County Office of Emergency Services is reminding residents that staying prepared for emergencies is always good advice.

"Weather forecasters have noted that some stream flooding is possible this weekend," said Rui Cunha, Program Manager, Placer County Office of Emergency Services.

"Residents should keep an eye on local streams and drainages where water has risen in the past, and should be alert to the need to take precautions. Power outages are also possible during winter storms."

Be especially careful when driving in an area where roads are flooded. For your own safety, do not enter a flooded area. Use an alternate route.

Families should always have supplies to be self sufficient for 72 hours, including the following:

- Non-perishable food that doesn't need to be cooked
- Non-electronic can opener
- Bottled water the equivalent of 1 gallon per day per person
- Flashlights and extra batteries
- Portable radio and extra batteries
- First aid kit

#### **Road Closures:**

- Applegate Road at Boule Road
- Dry Creek between Red Hawk Ranch and Haines
- Hampshire Rocks Road from Cisco to Big Bend
- Christian Valley Road at Stanley

#### Sandbag and sand locations:

- Placer County Fire, Dry Creek station, located 8350 Cook Riolo Road;
- Loomis -Loomis Corporation Yard -- on

- Food and supplies for infants and others with special needs
- Pet food
- Cash and credit cards

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- Essential medicines
- Sturdy shoes, warm clothing and blankets

Should an emergency situation develop, the Placer County Office of Emergency Services would provide information to all local radio and television stations plus newspapers. Information would also be posted online at www.placer.ca.gov/emergency. City residents should also check city web sites for information.

Placer County Public Works crews are on standby should they be needed. Crews have delivered sand and sand bags to the locations listed above, available for Placer County residents if needed.

- Taylor Road;
- Placer
   Consolidated
   Fire Protection
   District, 11645
   Atwood Road,
   Auburn:
- Placer
   Consolidated
   Fire Protection
   District, Wise
   & Crater Hill
   Roads, Ophir;
- South Placer
   Fire Protection
   District, 6900
   Eureka Road,
   Granite Bay;
- CDF Station in Lincoln, 401 Oak Tree Lane, Lincoln;
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- Placer County Fire, Sheridan Station;
- Placer County Fire, Paige Station, 5584 Nicolaus Road.



### Agencies Partner to Battle Teen Alcohol Use

AUBURN, CALIF. -- Reducing teen alcohol use is the focus of a new partnership between Placer County law enforcement agencies and Health and Human Services.

The newly formed partnership was kicked off Wednesday at a gathering of agencies, chaired by Dr. Richard Burton, director of the county's Health and Human Services, who made available \$10,000 to combat underage drinking

From now until early February, officers across Placer County will be conducting various operations to combat a growing problem – kids obtaining and abusing alcohol. According to Dr. Burton, a 2004 survey of Placer County high school students showed that 50 percent use alcohol and three out of every four reported that obtaining alcohol is easy or very easy. And one of the easiest places to access alcohol, they said, is in their own homes.

"We have educated the public to lock up guns, but parents should also consider locking up their alcohol," said Sheriff Ed Bonner. "If we can reduce the availability of alcohol, we can reduce the staggering number of alcohol-related injuries and deaths."

While teens may consider drinking a rite of passage, they should consider one of the associated dangers: 80 percent of sexual assaults against women involve alcohol. And a major consequence if a minor is cited for any alcohol- or drug-related offense, whether a vehicle in involved or not, is a mandatory loss of driving privileges.

Other operations being conducted throughout Placer County include targeting retailers who may sell alcohol to minors and adults who buy alcohol for teens. Representatives from the Placer County Sheriff's Department and Roseville and Rocklin police departments are working together to conduct various operations, including the use of decoys and shoulder-tap buys. It is a misdemeanor to purchase alcohol for someone under the age of 21.

For additional information on how parents can combat teen drinking, visit Placer County's

Strengths and Assets <u>webpage</u> for help for parents and other adults to find ways to encourage children and youth to make healthy life choices, like avoiding inappropriate or illegal drug and alcohol use.



# Parks Commission Has Vacancy For 2nd District Representative

AUBURN, CALIF. -- Applications still are being accepted from residents interested in representing the 2nd Board of Supervisors district on the Placer County Parks Commission.

No final deadline has been set for submitting applications, but the Board of Supervisors hopes to fill the vacancy soon.

The 2nd District representative must reside within the district's boundaries.

Generally, the 2nd District is the westernmost part of the county covering Sheridan, Lincoln, most of Rocklin and a portion of West Roseville. Board of Supervisors Chairman Robert Weygandt represents the 2nd District.

The district's boundaries include the Sutter-Placer county line on the west, and the line where Placer County meets Yuba and Nevada counties on the north. The southern boundary runs eastward along Baseline Road and zigzags along the northern edge of Roseville before dipping southeastward to include part of Rocklin located north of Interstate 80. The eastern boundary is a north-south line that runs between Lincoln and Auburn.

The seven-member commission advises the Board of Supervisors on issues related to public recreation projects throughout the county, including those undertaken by the county, school districts and parks and recreation districts. The commission also recommends policy to the county Parks and Ground Division on matters related to parks, trails and open space.

The commission normally meets at 7 p.m. on the second Tuesday of every other month in the Facility Services Department's offices at 11476 C Ave. in Auburn.

Commission members generally serve terms that coincide with the terms of the

supervisors whose districts they represent. For application forms or more information, call the Clerk of the Board's Office at 530-889-4020.

Application forms also are available on the county's <u>Committes and Commissions</u> website.

Completed applications should be delivered to the Clerk of the Board's Office in person, by mail or by fax. The office is located at 175 Fulweiler Ave. in Auburn.

The mailing address is 175 Fulweiler Ave., Auburn, CA 95603. The fax number is 530-889-4099.



### Legislative Advocacy Platform to be Considered

On Tuesday, Placer County Supervisors will review the county's proposed 2006 Legislative/Regulatory Platform and may direct staff to coordinate an advocacy program in support of these goals. Board members will also consider approval of contracts with lobbying firms Holland and Knight, LLP for federal advocacy services and Peterson Consulting, Inc. for state advocacy services.

This part of the Board of Supervisors meeting will take place at 10:30 a.m.

Advocacy efforts have been successful in reaching many of the board's priorities over the past several years.

Since 1999, the county has been awarded \$7.3 million in federal funding toward the sub regional wastewater treatment plant and water reclamation facility, including \$2 million appropriated this year. Another \$3.5 million has been received for law enforcement communications upgrades since 2002, including \$250,000 this year. The Interstate 80 capacity improvement project has been approved for \$71.6 million. Funding for the Interstate 80 bottleneck at the Placer-Sacramento County line has been a top regional priority for the board for the past five years.

If the Board agrees, top federal priorities this year may also include additional support of these projects, plus legislation to enhance wildfire protection and restoration efforts and support of the use of biomass for forest fuel management. Wildfires are an ongoing concern for Placer County, and federal lands, particularly those in the Sierra Nevada and Lake Tahoe regions, present extreme fire conditions arising from a combination of topography, weather and accumulations of flammable brush.

The proposal states that federal funding and regulatory relief to reduce hazardous fuels, expedite salvaging fire-killed trees, and replant burned areas in national forests could increase protection to communities and expedite the healthy restoration of forests.

Federal resources to enhance, expand and promote biomass as an economic development tool in forest fuel load reduction could further enhance fire mitigation measures, the proposal continues. State legislative priorities include sponsoring legislation to continue the pilot project of a consolidated health contract with the state for five years. This method of contracting with the state has been highlighted in the Little Hoover Commission Report and the California Performance Review as a model for reducing state and local administrative costs. Without this legislation, the county cannot continue to work under such a contract. Other state advocacy efforts would include seeking reimbursement for county costs of the special election held last month and protection of funding for law enforcement and juvenile justice programs.

This year at the state level, the county secured passage of Senate Bill 287, authored by Sen. Dave Cox, that allows the county to use a design-build contracting process that will expedite projects while providing overall cost savings.



#### Streetcar Expert to Address Board of Supervisors December 13

One of the nation's leading experts on streetcars will address the Placer County Board of Supervisors Tuesday, Dec. 13.

William Lind, director of cultural conservatism at the Free Congress Foundation in Washington, D.C., is scheduled to speak at 11:30 a.m.

The board meeting will take place at 9 a.m. in the board chambers at the county's Auburn administrative center, 175 Fulweiler Ave.

Lind is co-author of a study titled "Bring Back the Streetcars! A Conservative Vision of Tomorrow's Urban Transportation."

At Tuesday's meeting, he will discuss how streetcars can promote development and redevelopment in communities.

"I am optimistic that there is great potential for streetcar concepts to be incorporated in Placer County and the Sacramento region," said Supervisor Ted Gaines. "As established downtown areas are revived and new city centers are created in Placer County, streetcars could be an economical option for public transportation."

Lind was the featured speaker at a Capital Area Streetcar Summit held Sept. 23 in Sacramento. Supervisor Gaines also participated in the summit in his dual roles as a board member and as board chairman of the Sacramento Area Council of Governments.

Lind defines streetcars as rail transit vehicles designed for local transportation and powered by electricity received from overhead wires. They're similar in some ways to light rail, but are smaller and slower, and typically transport people short distances in downtown areas.

Light rail caters primarily to commuters, often traveling 10 to 20 miles beyond downtown

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at high speeds.

Streetcars and light rail do work well together and can even use the same tracks. In his study, Lind emphasizes the most successful streetcar lines are integrated into larger transit systems.

He also indicates that operating costs are much lower for streetcars than light rail, and says development costs for streetcar lines should be roughly one-half the costs for light rail.

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#### Placer County to Hold Last Flu Shot Clinic of Season

AUBURN, CALIF. - Placer County's Department of Health and Human Services will hold its last flu-shot clinic for high-risk residents from 8:30 a.m. until noon at the Auburn Senior Center, Burbank Hall, 11577 E St, on Wednesday, Dec. 7, 2005.

High-risk groups who should get flu shots include adults age 60 years or older, pregnant women, persons with chronic health conditions, residents of long-term care facilities, health-care personnel who provide direct patient care, and people who care for children under six months of age.

Placer County residents are reminded that the flu season typically runs through January or February and that a vaccination in December can provide ample protection from influenza later in the season. Placer County has a remaining supply of vaccine.

High-risk children age four years and older may receive flu shots at the clinic. Information on the availability of flu shots for younger children is available on the County's flu line, website, or from their primary care physicians.

Children who are at high-risk for influenza and should receive the flu shots are:

- Infants from six to 23 months old.
- Children who are in close contact with infants less than six months old.
- Children with a long-term health problems.

Children receiving the flu vaccine for the first time need two doses at least one month apart, if they are under age nine years old. There is no vaccine available for infants less than six months.

For people who aren't in any of the above high-risk groups who would like to have

vaccine protection from the flu, flu shots are typically available through their regular primary care doctors.

"Seniors are most likely to become seriously ill from influenza. The influenza viruses weaken the body's ability to fight off other infections, leaving the elderly and those with chronic medical conditions more susceptible to infections," said Dr. Richard Burton, the county public health officer. "While vaccinations are an important part in fighting influenza, it is important for everyone to take simple precautions against spreading disease. These include covering your mouth when you cough or sneeze and regularly washing your hands."

For updated recorded information, please call the County's flu information line at 530-889-7161 or check the County's <u>website</u>.

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## Deadline Nearing for Grants to Combat Teen Substance Abuse

AUBURN, CALIF. -- The Placer County Strengths and Assets Promotion program is offering three grants up to \$20,000 each for projects that address and seek to change the social and cultural environments and factors that make alcohol, tobacco and illegal drug use appealing to teens.

Letters of intent for the grants are required to address certain key points and must be received by the program by Friday, Dec. 9, 2005. Strengths and Assets Promotion is a community health program of the Placer County Health and Human Services Department.

The grants will fund programs in two different regions within Placer County. The projects will incorporate youth development principles and will involve teens who will lead the projects with adult assistance. Youths participating in the projects will use focus groups to help identify environmental factors in Placer County that contribute to teen substance abuse, then devise methods to change those environments.

Projects can target drug and alcohol problems by working to change the underlying social and cultural factors that contribute to them – such as how alcohol is advertised and sold; when, where, and how it is available; and why some drinking levels are considered socially acceptable.

Interested agencies must submit their letter of interest to the Strengths and Assets Promotion Program by the deadline. Applicants selected as possible grantees will be contacted by Dec. 16, 2005 and an interview will be scheduled. Second-stage applicants will be asked to submit proposals.

For additional information, contact Shari Crow at (530) 889-7238 or Amy Gonnella or Kara Sutter at (530) 889-7179.



## Ken Grehm Appointed Public Works Director

AUBURN, CALIF -- Ken Grehm, who currently serves as Assistant Public Works Director, has been named to succeed Tim Hackworth as Public Works Director when he retires at the end of the year.

In closed session Tuesday, the Board of Supervisors confirmed the appointment made by County Executive Officer Thomas M. Miller.

Grehm joined Placer County Public Works in 2002. Previously he served as Supervising Engineer at the City of Sacramento, where he worked since the late 1980's.

Originally from Southern California, he graduated from the University of California Irvine as a licensed civil engineer.

"Ken has been a well-respected member of our Public Works team, one whose can-do attitude and public service skills serve our county very well," said CEO Miller.

"I am excited to serve and consider this a vote of confidence for our team," said Grehm. "We have a top notch group of people who are great to work with, and a wealth of important issues to deal with. We'll continue the legacy of excellence established by Tim Hackworth."

A resident of Rocklin, Grehm is married and has two small children. He originally moved to Sacramento to be closer to the mountains, and looks forward to fishing, hiking and golfing in his spare time.

As Public Works Director, Grehm will oversee a staff of about 220 and a budget of about \$62 million. The Public Works Department is responsible for transportation planning, environmental-improvement projects at North Lake Tahoe, road and bridge maintenance, snow removal services, fleet management, and two transit systems.



#### **HHS Budget Proposal to be Reviewed**

AUBURN, CALIF. -- On Tuesday the Placer County Board of Supervisors will review three separate agenda items to accomplish a series of mid-year budget adjustments. If approved, these actions will allow the Health and Human Services Department to restore community services to a level in place before cutbacks over the last several years resulting from the state's budget problems.

Despite significant increases in costs, state revenue to Placer County's Health and Human Services Department has been relatively flat for four budget years. Consequently the department has kept about 100 positions vacant and modified hours of service to the public.

This year, Placer County's Health and Human Services Department will present a brighter budget picture thanks to significant additional state, federal and other revenues now available.

"HHS took the state's budget reductions as an opportunity to re-examine how we provide services and set priorities," said Dr. Richard Burton, Director of Health and Human Services and County Health Officer. "We continue to redesign our programs to maximize our broad service delivery while utilizing available resources."

If Supervisors agree, the department proposes to use the revenue to restore service levels previously reduced in high priority services, and in some cases to increase mental health services. Included in these three actions are the following strategic components of new revenue:

• The Mental Health Services Act, the result of a voter-approved initiative, is expected to bring about \$2.2 million to the county annually. The new funding will target providing services to adults with chronic and persistent mental illness and children with severe emotional disturbance who are served by public mental health systems. A local plan has been created through a community-based planning process. About \$1.6 million is included in this budget proposal.

- Placer County's multi-agency SMART team has been awarded a \$5 million grant over six years from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) -- one of only three in California and one of 16 nation-wide. This Children's Mental Health Initiative Grant will be used to improve outreach to Latino, Native American and transition-aged youth, including expanded partnerships with the United Auburn Indian Community (UAIC) and community service agencies. Parents and youth who have successfully participated in county programs may be recruited as mentors and advocates. On Tuesday the Board will be asked to accept the grant and budget \$400,000. The SMART team includes Health and Human Services, Probation, education officials, and Juvenile Court staff.
- An additional \$3 million in social service revenue would be used to help restore services through the Children's System of Care to levels available in previous years. Staff reductions have lead to increased caseloads and longer waiting times for families in need of services. "We need to assure that families in need of critical services receive prompt attention, which has been a major challenge with staffing shortages," said Dr. Burton.
- An additional \$1.77 million in federal and state human assistance funding would enable staff to better serve families who are eligible for Medi-Cal. "The high caseloads we have experienced have made it difficult to meet service standards," Dr. Burton said.
- The cities that receive animal control services through Placer County are renegotiating their contracts to more accurately reflect service costs. If approved by the cities, the county would receive an additional \$133,000 during the 2006-2007 budget year.

Much of the funding provided to the county's Health and Human Services Department comes from state or federal sources, and is designated to very specific programs, allowing little flexibility to the Board of Supervisors. Therefore, budgeting for HHS can't be finalized until it is known whether the state will fully fund these mandatory services, after the main county budget is approved in late September.

"HHS is greatful for the continued support and direction provided by the Board of Supervisors which has committed nearly \$23 million in county general funds to sustain essential and uninterrupted services to the county's population," Dr. Burton said.

The budget revision would include \$7.2 million in new revenues and appropriations for HHS. It includes a request for 48 new positions, primarily for the mental health services programs, the children's system of care and human services staff to support Medi-Cal and

the CalWORKs job-training program. Some existing positions would also be refilled, others would likely be left vacant.

Through a partnership with the Placer County Office of Education (PCOE) and Placer County's 16 school districts, an additional \$2.7 million, not included in the \$7.2 million budget revision, will be provided to expand mental health services to children identified by the schools as having an emotional disturbance that affects their ability to learn. Funding for this program will be provided through a combination of federal, state and education sources. This program provides services to 405 students per year and will eliminate the need for children to be placed on a waiting list rather than receiving the assessment and treatment services they need.

"This precedent setting partnership for the benefit of the children and families of Placer County is the direct result of the outstanding leadership provided by Bud Nobili, Placer County Superintendent of Schools, Maureen Burness, Assistant Superintendent for Special Education Local Planning Agency (SELPA), Dr. Kelvin Lee, Chairman of the SELPA Executive Committee, and school district superintendents," said Dr. Richard Burton, Director of Health and Human Services. "We are grateful for their assistance."



# Federal Funds to Start Construction on Regional Sewer System

AUBURN, CALIF -- Placer County officials hailed news Wednesday that Congress is poised to enact legislation that would provide \$2 million in FY06 funding to begin construction of a badly needed local wastewater treatment project.

The centerpiece of the project is a pipeline network that will be built through western Placer County and eastern Nevada County and will hook into the city of Lincoln's new modern wastewater treatment plant. When the pipeline is complete, local agencies will be able to abandon seven small treatment plants that are inefficient and outdated, and ultimately serve approximately 200,000 residents via modern facilities.

"News about this grant to Placer County is tremendously exciting," declared Placer County Board of Supervisors Chairman Robert Weygandt.

"Receiving funding for this critical regional project means that residents won't have to pay for expensive repairs to several outdated, inefficient sewer plants that now will someday be closed permanently. Our region will gain a tremendous source of reclaimed water for many uses, and our communities will benefit from a cleaner environment and cost effective services."

County officials praised Rep. John Doolittle for his efforts to get the local project included in the federal legislation.

"Placer County and the other members of the Joint Powers Agency are tremendously grateful to Congressman John Doolittle for his long term support of this vital project," Chairman Weygandt said.

Abandoning the old plants will improve water quality in local waterways, including the Auburn Ravine, Linda Creek, Coon Creek and Wolf Creek watersheds.

On the other hand, the new treatment system will provide up to 30,000 acre-feet of

reclaimed wastewater that can be used on local farms, ranches, parks and other open space. Sale of reclaimed water will help offset treatment costs and reduce the need for groundwater and surface water.

The project is one of only 10 new starts nationwide that will be receiving funding for construction in the FY06 Energy and Water Development Appropriations Bill.

Placer County officials anticipate the \$2 million will be spent by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers on preliminary work for the main transmission line that could ultimately run from Lakes of the Pines in Nevada County to Lincoln's treatment plant. Local officials expect the Lincoln plant, two modern treatment plants in Roseville and the new pipeline network will be able to handle the area's wastewater treatment needs for many years. The estimated price tag for work that remains to be done is \$150 million.

Chairman Weygandt noted that planning for a regional sewer system actually began in 1996, when he and other county officials first met with regulatory agencies and other interested parties. The County commissioned a study in 1997 with CH2MHILL on regional wastewater treatment.

Since 1999, the project has received \$5.3 million in grants from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for planning and environmental review work. In addition, \$12 million in local funds already have been invested in regional infrastructure.

The project is led by Placer County on behalf of the Placer Nevada Wastewater Authority, a joint powers authority that includes Placer County, Nevada County, the cities of Auburn and Lincoln, the Newcastle Sanitary District and the South Placer Municipal Utility District.

Placer County and its JPA partners are anxious to build the wastewater treatment network partly because the seven old treatment plants will have a difficult time meeting the state of California's increasingly stringent water quality standards. The JPA agencies estimate they will need to spend more than \$45 million on improvements on the old treatment plants if the new system is not built. Further, upgrading these inefficient plants would not result in the elimination of local discharges or provide the reclamation opportunities provided by regionalization.

The issue is particularly important to Placer County and the city of Auburn because they have set aside monies in reserve that could be spent on the new treatment system, but may need to be used on improvements to existing plants if significant progress is not made on the new system's main transmission line by late 2007.



# Federal Legislation to Help Fund New Public Safety Radio System

AUBURN, CALIF. -- Placer County residents may be safer in time of emergency thanks to legislation Congress is expected to pass that will move Placer County a step closer to building a new radio system that will allow public safety agencies to communicate with each other better during emergencies.

Congress is expected to appropriate \$250,000 in FY06 for the multi-year project.

The radio systems currently used by law enforcement are more than 15 years old, break down frequently, and often make communication among agencies difficult, noted Sheriff Ed Bonner.

"We are so appreciative of the continued support of Congressman John Doolittle in this important venture," said Sheriff Bonner. "The new radio system will have a huge impact for law enforcement, and ultimately, public safety here in Placer County and regionally as well."

Placer County hopes to build the new interoperable radio communications network over three to five years. Under Phase 1, the County has received a license to operate a new VHF radio and three primary radio tower sites have been upgraded for the interoperability. Phase 2 will relocate the Sheriff's Emergency 9-1-1 operation to a new building, and Phase 3 will include the actual construction.



# New Community Development/Resource Agency Interim Head Appointed

For Immediate Release

11-9-05

John Marin, who currently serves as the Placer County Board of Supervisors' Administrative Officer, has received a promotion to interim Director of the Community Development/Resource Agency (CDRA).

Board members ratified the appointment by County Executive Officer Thomas Miller in closed session on Tuesday.

"John has a wealth of experience in land development issues and an extensive understanding of county policies and procedures," explained Miller. "Given his strong focus in providing customer service, he is uniquely qualified to lead our critical land development process."

Marin has served as Chief of Staff to the Board of Supervisors office for more than 17 years. A graduate of Cal Poly Pomona with a degree in Urban/Regional Planning, he was hired by Placer County as an assistant architect in the Public Works Department in 1979. He is a past member of the American Institute of Architects, and served as Placer County Facilities Manager.

In his position with the Community Development/Resource Agency, he will be responsible for handling environmental review of projects and for coordinating review of the largest, most complex development proposals facing the county. CD/RA includes the planning and building departments, and staff from land development sections from public works.

"Tom Miller, the current CEO, has established groundwork for this agency which I plan to continue in his vision and under the Board's direction," he said. "The assignment will

be challenging with a series of large scale projects including university proposals, implementation of the online permitting system and providing oversight of the development departments in the county.

"We must focus on providing excellent development services to all segments of the community, whether it's the person who is building his or her dream home, the weekend warrior who wants to add a garage, or the professional developer who wants to build a community. Each deserves our respect and our assistance."

The appointment is effective Nov. 8. 2005.

The 25-year North Auburn resident is married and has two children, Keith and Vanessa. His wife, Therese Crutcher-Marin, is a manager with Sutter Auburn Faith Hospital Hospice.



# State Official to Speak at 10/25 Forum Sponsored by Supervisor Kranz

For immediate release

Oct. 17, 2005

California Secretary of State Bruce McPherson will be the keynote speaker at a community forum sponsored by Placer County Supervisor Bruce Kranz that will be held in Tahoe City Tuesday, Oct. 25.

The forum will take place from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the Granlibakken Conference Center, 725 Granlibakken Road. The public is invited to attend. Appetizers will be served.

McPherson became California's 30th secretary of state on March 30, 2005 after being nominated by Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger and being confirmed unanimously by both the Assembly and state Senate. From Santa Cruz, he served in the Assembly from 1993-96 and the state Senate from 1996 until he was termed out at the end of his second term in 2004.

For more information about the Oct. 25 community forum, please contact Rick Brown, Supervisor Kranz's Tahoe field deputy, at 530-906-7201 or call the Board of Supervisors office at 530-889-4010.



# Celebration to Honor New Brook Avenue Parking Lot

October 17, 2005 For immediate release Contact: Anita Yoder, 530-889-4012 or Mike Fitch, 530-886-4515 CELEBRATION TO HONOR NEW BROOK AVENUE PARKING LOT Residents and business personnel are invited to a community dedication of the Brook Avenue public parking lot on Monday, Oct. 24. The parking lot is located at 8445 Brook Avenue, next to the Bank of the West, in Kings Beach. The event takes place at 11 a.m. Refreshments will be served.



# Proposed Transit Center To Be Reviewed by Board of Supervisors

October 14, 2005 For immediate release Contact: Anita Yoder, 530-889-4012 or Mike Fitch, 530-886-4515 PROPOSED TRANSIT CENTER TO BE REVIEWED BY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

The Placer County Board of Supervisors will hold a workshop Monday, Oct. 24 on a proposed transit center and parking lot that would be built alongside Highway 89 in Tahoe City.

The workshop will take place at 1:30 p.m. in the Granlibakken Conference Center, 725 Granlibakken Road.

The board will not make final decisions on the project and its recirculated environmental impact report at the Oct. 24 meeting. Decisions on both are scheduled to be made at a special North Tahoe meeting proposed to be held sometime in December.

The center would be built on approximately 2.5 acres of a property owned by the U.S. Forest Service. The property is southwest of where Highways 28 and 89 intersect.

The center would be a transportation hub for bicyclists, pedestrians, bus riders, park-and-ride commuters and shuttle-services users. It would serve Tahoe Area Regional Transit buses, as well as the Tahoe Trolley program operated during the summer months and shuttle services operated by ski and lodging businesses. County officials say the center would improve coordination among transit operations in the area and reduce congestion along key traffic corridors.

Tahoe City is considered a good location for the project because it is North Lake Tahoe's population center, a destination for many public transit passengers and a key transfer location. At the special meeting in December, the board would consider whether to certify the EIR as complete and whether to approve or reject appeals filed by project opponents after the county Planning Commission approved the project and EIR in 2001.

The board considered the appeals at two meetings later in 2001. It directed staff to undertake a more extensive alternative analysis.

In 2003, the board directed staff to explore more alternatives, examine a phased parking lot and recirculate sections of the EIR.

The county looked at 10 alternative sites for the transit center, concluding that the 2.5 acres on the Forest Service property are preferable when all factors are taken into account, including costs for property acquisition, business relocation and building demolition.

The county recirculated four chapters of the EIR that analyze alternative sites, traffic, transit and circulation.

The new traffic chapter looks at how compatible the transit center would be with other transportation projects in the area, including a study to be conducted by the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency and California Department of Transportation on realigning Highway 89 to address traffic problems at Fanny Bridge.

The realigned highway would go through the Forest Service site and west of the 2.5 acres needed for the center. TRPA and the county agree that the transit center can move ahead without interfering with realignment of Highway 89. The center would feature a covered waiting area for as many as 100 people and a 130-space parking lot that could be built in two phases.

During the 2004-05 fiscal year, TART served more than 295,000 bus riders.



## Cedar Grove Environmental Document to Receive Extra Review Time

Oct. 14, 2005

Placer County officials have decided that because of great public interest in the proposed Cedar Grove housing development environmental documents, there will be a longer-than-normal public review period for the environmental report as a convenience to residents.

While exact dates are not yet available, it is projected that the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency and Placer County will release the completed draft report the early part of December and extend its review until at least Feb. 10 to avoid time conflicts with the holiday season.

As an aid, the Placer County Redevelopment Agency is sponsoring a community workshop shortly after the environmental report is released in order to give residents and interested parties an overview of the process and an opportunity to ask questions of the developer.

"We think that this is a great opportunity for the community to meet the development team, ask questions about the report, and leave with information that will allow them to evaluate the environmental impacts of the project," said Joanne Auerbach, Housing Program Coordinator for Placer County.

Cedar Grove is a proposed workforce housing community that would be built on a vacant 12.2 acre in Tahoe Vista adjacent to State Route 28 near National Avenue. The environmental reviews currently being written will analyze four different alternatives of mixed income ownership and rental homes, plus a no-build option. The proposed buildings would be mostly two stories of four to eight units. The total number of units would range from 132 to 160.

Additionally, the proposal includes infrastructure improvements needed to serve the apartment complex and permanent drainage facilities to capture storm water runoff. It

also includes a class 1 bike trail along the eastern edge of the site, on-site parking, landscaping, a community room and children's play areas.

"Affordable housing, particularly workforce housing, is badly needed in the North Lake Tahoe area," said Auerbach, "Affordable Housing Development Corporation, a private firm, is in the process of purchasing this site and came to us with this proposal. Given the need for affordable housing, we look forward to the review of this development."

The project timeline currently calls for the draft environmental documents to be released for public review Dec. 9, a date that is tentative, and for the review period to last 70 days.

Information about the release date, the informational orientation date and other meeting dates will be provided to news media and posted on the county Web site, www.placer.ca. gov as soon as it becomes available, likely in mid-November. The draft environmental document will also be posted on the Web site, and available in county libraries and on CD ROM.

Staff also plan to ask the North Tahoe Regional Advisory Committee (NTRAC) to include time for public review during the committee's meeting in January and/or February. The public may also receive information and offer input during public review sessions of the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency and the Placer County Planning Commission. These dates will also be made available on the County Web site and through the news media.

State law requires the public-comment period on an EIR to be a minimum of 30 days and to be 45 days when state agencies are involved or a project might have area wide, regional or statewide environmental impacts. The Tahoe Regional Planning Agency uses a 60-day review period.

While the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency and Placer County will ultimately approve or deny this proposed development, the Cedar Grove development would remain privately owned if approved.



### Director of Public Works Joins Private Sector

Oct. 14, 2005

Placer County Public Works Director Tim Hackworth has announced his intention to join the private sector, leaving his county post at the end of the year.

The 13-year county employee will become Executive Director of the American Concrete Pavement Association, Western States Chapter, serving as a technical expert for clients such as state departments of transportation, counties, cities and contractors.

"Under Tim's oversight, Public Works has accomplished important reorganization that has improved both the department's efficiency and its value to our residents," said Board of Supervisors Chairman Robert Weygandt. "It's been a pleasure to work with him, and I wish him the best in his new position."

Hackworth is the current president of the County Engineers Association of California. He came to Placer County in 1992 as an associate engineer, rose through the ranks and was named Public Works Director in 2001. Previously he owned a public works consulting firm and had served as Public Works Director for the City of Grass Valley.

Under his leadership, major improvements were made to critical South Placer County routes, including Fiddyment and Baseline roads. Improvements to Bell Road, now a four-lane expressway in North Auburn, were designed, funded and completed during his tenure as director. The county vehicle fleet grew to include many environmentally-friendly Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) vehicles and two CNG filling stations.

In North Lake Tahoe, the Tahoe Basin erosion control program was greatly expanded to help reduce sediment from reaching into the lake. A new engineering office was established in Truckee, nearer Interstate 80, which aided in attracting qualified engineering candidates. Tahoe maintenance and transit operations were also moved to a site on Cabin Creek Road, resulting in increased efficiency.

Hackworth and other public works managers hosted staff barbecues at nine maintenance shops, offering road crews and other line staff a chance to ask questions and offer advice to the management team. "Our management team found this very rewarding," he said.

"Our staff provides excellent service to the public," he said. "I'm proud that despite the challenges, we always found ways to do things right."



#### Museum Gift Shop Seeks Vendor

Oct. 14, 2005

The Placer County Museums Division is looking for an enterprising vendor to operate a gift shop and visitor center in the century-old Historic Courthouse in Auburn.

"Call it a golden opportunity to do business in Placer County's most prestigious location," said Melanie Barton, Museums Administrator. "The 420-square foot space, which also houses the Placer County Gold Collection, is an ideal location to sell Gold Rush, historical and museum-related items and books as well as a few sundries."

The gift shop is planned to serve as an extension of the Museum's education and visitor services program for the Placer County Museum that is also located at the Courthouse. Hospitality is considered a key element. The gift shop will need to be open when the Museum is open, currently 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesdays through Sunday.

Interested parties are encouraged to contact Barton at 530-889-6504, or mbarton@placer.ca.gov, and to obtain the Solicitation of Interest forms from Barton or from the Placer County web site, www.placer.ca.gov/museum. Included is a list of the types of historically-themed and sundry items the County expects the gift shop to feature. Responses must be received by October 30.

The Placer County Courthouse, a landmark highly visible from Interstate 80, is located at 101 Maple Street in Auburn. It was completed in 1898.



## Placer County Announces Flu Shot Clinics for Upcoming Season

Current flu clinic information.

September 30, 2005

The Placer County Department of Health and Human Services has announced its schedule of flu shot clinics for the upcoming influenza season. In addition, the Senior Health and Fitness Fair and the Assistive Technology Expo will be held in conjunction with an October 26 flu shot clinic in Auburn.

The first one is Oct. 19: Veterans Memorial Hall, 110 Park Dr., Roseville, 8:30 - Noon.

County Public Health Officer, Richard J. Burton, M.D., reminds individuals that the County will provide vaccinations to seniors and those who are at high risk, have chronic health issues, or who may spread influenza to those at risk. For most other residents, flu shots are typically available through their regular primary care doctors. Placer County will again help in this prevention campaign by offering flu clinics throughout the County at convenient locations for those who are at risk.

"Seniors are most likely to become seriously ill from influenza. The influenza viruses weaken the body's ability to fight off other infections leaving the elderly and those with chronic medical conditions more susceptible to infections," said Dr. Burton. "While vaccinations are an important part in fighting influenza, it is important for everyone to take simple precautions against spreading disease. These include covering your mouth when you cough or sneeze and regularly washing your hands."

Those at higher risk of serious complications from influenza or those who can spread influenza to those at high risk, should get a flu shot: adults over 65, pregnant women, persons aged 2-64 years with a chronic health condition, residents of long-term care facilities, health care personnel who provide direct patient care, infants between 6-23 months, and household contacts and out-of-home caregivers of children under six months

of age.

Influenza vaccine is also recommended for adults 50-64 years of age and anyone else who wants to reduce their chance of catching influenza. However, healthy persons age 2-64 years of age who do not meet the above criteria are asked to wait until after October 24, 2005 to get a flu shot. Two doses given at least 1 month apart are recommended for children under age 9 years.

The 12th annual Senior Health and Fitness Fair will be held in conjunction with the 4th Annual Assistive Technology Expo at the Gold Country Fairgrounds in Auburn on Wednesday, October 26, from 8:30 a.m. until 1 p.m. The event will be in the Placer Hall and Sierra Building on the fairgrounds, 1273 High Street. Flu shots will be available.

For updated recorded information, please call the County's flu information line at 530-889-7161.

This year's County flu shot clinics are scheduled as follows:

- Oct. 19: Veterans Memorial Hall, 110 Park Dr., Roseville, 8:30 Noon.
- Oct. 26: Gold Country Fairgrounds, 1273 High St., Auburn, 8:30 1 p.m.
- Oct. 27: Kings Beach Fire Station #52, 288 N. Shore Blvd., Kings Beach, 9 a.m. Noon.
- Nov 9: Rocklin Sunset Center, 2650 Sunset Blvd., Rocklin, 8:30 a.m. Noon.
- Nov 16: Veteran's Memorial Hall, 110 Park Dr., Roseville, 8:30 a.m. Noon.
- Nov. 17: Veteran's Memorial Hall, 541 5th St., Lincoln, 8:30 Noon.
- Dec. 7: Auburn Senior Center, Burback Hall, 11577 F Ave., Auburn, 8:30 Noon.



#### **New Planning Director Named**

September 19, 2005

Michael J. Johnson, AICP, who currently serves as Folsom's Community Development Director, has been named Placer County Planning Director.

Johnson has held other planning positions with Folsom since 1997, including assistant Community Development Director, and also served in the cities of Fremont and Merced. He has also worked as a land use planner, manager, and environmental planner for private firms, and has been a planner for the San Luis Obispo County Land Conservancy.

He has an undergraduate degree in city and regional planning from California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo; post graduate studies in the California State University, Hayward Masters of Public Administration program; and in the City Planning, Architecture and Landscaping Architecture programs at the University of California, Berkeley.

Among his accomplishments as Folsom's Community Development Director, Johnson completed the City's Visioning process for a 3,600 acre annexation area south of Highway 50 and updated the City's Housing Element, including rezoning of 150 acres of land to provide opportunities for affordable housing.

The Board of Supervisors confirmed his appointment last week. He will start Oct. 12.

"Michael's experience with growth in our region makes him well-qualified for this position," said County Executive Officer Jan Christofferson.

"Placer County is very fortunate to have secured such a knowledgeable and competent Planning Director," said Tom Miller, Community Development/Resource Agency Director. "We will be working with Michael to effect a smooth transition and look forward to having him on board."

"I am honored to be selected as the next Planning Director for Placer County," Johnson

said. "As a current resident of the County, this is a great opportunity for me to be involved in land planning issues in the place my family calls home.

"This is a critical time for the County as its deals with a wide array of land use issues, from urban development and land conservation in the western county area to complex environmental issues in the Tahoe Basin. I look forward to working together with staff and the Board of Supervisors to define the future vision for the County." He is a member of the American Institute of Certified Planners, and a member of the American Planning Association. A resident of Rocklin, his family includes daughters Caitlin, 17, and Meghan, 15, who attend Del Oro High School; son Cooper, who attends Springview Middle School, and wife Laura, who is a librarian at Rocklin High School. He replaces Fred Yeager, who retired in August. The Planning Department is now part of the Community Development/Resource Agency. Planning responsibilities cover areas outside the incorporated cities as well as coordination with regional issues.



### Placer County Stands Ready To Assist Gulf Coast Situation

9-7-05

Placer County is actively assisting evacuees of the area ravaged by Hurricane Katrina.

Although it is unclear whether evacuees will come to Placer County through federal agencies, the county Health and Human Services Department is currently assisting individuals and families who have temporarily relocated with friends or family in Placer County. Health and Human Services is working with the Red Cross, community groups, and faith-based organizations and providing individuals the help they need, including such things as health care, mental health counseling and assistance in finding housing and in some cases, jobs. Many individuals may need to stay in the area for two years or more, or may become permanent residents.

Placer County social workers, lab technicians, doctors, other medical staff and employment experts are standing by, in case they are needed, to help Sacramento County Health and Human Services assist evacuees.

The Placer County Office of Emergency Services is helping to make those plans, and also has been on standby to deploy any requested resources to the area. At this time, however no official requests have been received through the state OES or Federal Emergency Management Agency.

"The County salutes the tremendous contributions of groups such as the American Red Cross and also the potential assistance of community and faith-based organizations, and looks forward to partnering with them as we seek to come along side those in need," declared Dr. Richard Burton, Placer County Health and Human Services Director.

"Serving these displaced people is both an honor and a privilege," declared Board of Supervisors Chairman Robert Weygandt. "We are indeed part of the national community. I have called Sacramento County Board of Supervisors Chairman Roger Dickinson to

offer our support."

"Our residents have big hearts, and are enthusiastic about helping," said Jan Christofferson, County Executive Officer. "Placer County has a long tradition of being a good neighbor in times of need. When I previously worked with another county during the devastating 1997 flood, Placer County generously took in evacuees and displaced animals in the largest evacuation in California history.

"That giving spirit has surfaced again here in Placer County as we have all watched the terrible events in the Gulf Coast. I've extended an offer to the Sacramento County CEO for Placer County's assistance if evacuees are sent to our region. Together we can offer a great deal of relief if FEMA sends evacuees our way."

Information about the county's involvement and need for community assistance will be posted beginning Thursday on the County's web site, www.placer.ca.gov. An information line, about county activities and ways to help will also be available 530-886-4636 beginning Thursday, Sept. 8, 2005.



#### Winds Delay Roseville Ground Spraying; Auburn Records First Human Case

8-30-05

AUBURN, CA – An overnight forecast for winds in excess of 10 miles per hour has again postponed ground spraying in Roseville to combat mosquitoes which can carry West Nile virus (WNV), the Placer Mosquito Abatement District announced today. Additionally, Placer County announced a new WNV human case in Auburn, a 28-year-old male, the first reported human case in the city this year. The 2005 county total is now 11 human cases.

The Roseville spraying, postponed until Thursday, will consist of mosquito control technicians in two trucks who will drive along residential streets applying Pyrenone 25-5 in an ultra-low volume fog. This substance breaks down rapidly upon exposure to air and sunlight. The mosquito control material will be applied at the rate of approximately two tablespoons per acre. This is the most effective way in eliminating the adult mosquito population, according to research by UC Davis. The spraying will take place between 1 a. m. and 4 a.m. on the following dates and in the following areas, weather permitting:

- The first area to be sprayed by truck on Thursday, Sept. 1, is along roads located between Vernon Street, the Placer County line, Sunrise and Douglas Boulevards.
- The second area to be sprayed by truck on Friday, Sept. 2, is along roads located between Harding Boulevard/Galleria Boulevard, Douglas Boulevard, Vernon Street, Washington Boulevard, Pleasant Grove Boulevard and Roseville Parkway.
- The third area scheduled to be sprayed by truck on Saturday, Sept. 3, is along roads bounded by Washington Boulevard, Pleasant Grove Boulevard, Foothills Boulevard, Cirby Way and Vernon Street.

A map of the spraying area is available on the Placer County website at: <a href="http://www.placer.ca.gov/hhs/hhs-sub/com-diseases/wnv-spray-map.pdf">http://www.placer.ca.gov/hhs/hhs-sub/com-diseases/wnv-spray-map.pdf</a>

"West Nile virus is established in western Placer County," said Dr. Michael Mulligan,

assistant county health officer. "We encourage residents to take precautions against mosquitoes, such as removing all standing water near their homes, staying indoors at dawn and dusk when mosquitoes are most active, and using a repellant when outdoors. While few people will actually acquire the virus, and fewer still will become sick from it, it can be a serious illness."

"The Placer Mosquito Abatement District will continue to reduce adult mosquitoes and their larvae," said Jamesina Scott, Ph.D. "With the human case in Auburn, we will be stepping up our surveillance efforts in that area."

In addition to the 11 human cases in Placer County, there have been 65 dead birds that have tested positive for the WNV, 14 horses with eight fatalities, two dead squirrels, 18 mosquito pools (a collection of about 50 mosquitoes that are tested for WNV and other diseases) and five sentinel chicken flocks.

The Abatement District and Placer County offer the following additional reminders to prevent the spread of West Nile virus:

- Drain standing water weekly, since that's where mosquitoes lay eggs.
   Check your yard for water in old tires, flower pots and bird baths.
- Avoid mosquito bites by staying indoors at dusk and dawn when mosquitoes are most active, wearing long sleeves and long pants, and using an insect repellant that contains DEET, Picaridin, or Oil of Lemon Eucalyptus.
- Dead birds that test positive for West Nile virus are a surveillance tool to help track the disease. If you find a dead bird, please call the state at 1-877-WNV-BIRD to report it, or do so online at www.westnile.ca.gov.
- Horses are vulnerable to West Nile virus, and many die. Contact your veterinarian about protective immunizations. West Nile does not spread between humans and horses.

Placer County residents are encouraged to report any dead bird they find to the state toll-free number: 1-877-WNV-BIRD (1-877-968-2473) Operators are available from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m., seven days a week. After 5 p.m., you may leave a message.

For more information or free presentations or materials, call the District at 916-435-2140. The Placer County West Nile virus information line, 530-889-4001, has recorded information available in English and Spanish. You can also obtain information online at <a href="https://www.placermosquito.org">www.placer.ca.gov/wnv</a>.

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#### **Roseville Ground Spraying Delayed**

8-29-05

A forecast of high winds in Roseville will delay the start of ground spraying for the mosquitoes that case West Nile virus (WNV), Placer Mosquito Abatement District officials announced Monday.

For spraying to occur, winds must be less than 10 miles per hour (mph). Delta breezes between five and 15 mph are predicted overnight. Gusts are expected in excess of 15 mph, making effective ground application impossible. The District will conduct ground spraying by truck in south Roseville on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, Aug. 31 through Sept. 2, weather permitting. Spraying will occur between 1 a.m. and 4 a.m.

To date, eight human cases of West Nile Virus have been confirmed in Roseville, and one each in Lincoln and Rocklin.

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Mosquito Control Technicians in two trucks will drive along residential streets applying Pyrenone 25-5 in an ultra-low volume fog that breaks down rapidly upon exposure to air and sunlight. The mosquito control material is applied in droplets that are five to 20 microns across, which is finer than a human hair and is the most effective way in eliminating the adult mosquito population, according to research by UC Davis.

Roseville and south Placer County residents wishing to be placed on Placer Mosquito Abatement District's "No Spray" list should notify the district, preferably by email at <a href="mailto:pminfo@placermosquito.org">pminfo@placermosquito.org</a>, or by calling the District beginning Monday, Aug. 29, at 916-435-2140, and provide their name, telephone number, and physical address.

The majority of people who are bitten by an infected mosquito will not become ill. However, about 20 percent of those who are infected will show mild to moderate flu-like symptoms that may last for weeks. About one in 150 infected people will develop severe illness. The severe symptoms can include high fever, headache, neck stiffness, stupor, disorientation, coma, tremors, convulsions, muscle weakness, vision loss, numbness and paralysis. These symptoms may last several weeks, and neurological effects may be permanent.

In addition to the 10 human cases in Placer County, there have been more than 60 dead birds that have tested positive for the WNV, 11 horses, 2 dead squirrels and 18 mosquito pools (a mosquito pool is a collection of about 50 mosquitoes that are tested for WNV and other diseases).

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### **Ground Spraying for West Nile Virus to Begin in Roseville**

Due to concerns about exposure to the mosquito-borne West Nile virus, Performing Arts of Roseville (PAR) is canceling its Sunday, August 28 concert in Roseville's Royer Park after PAR officials consulted with Placer Mosquito Abatement District officials on Thursday.

In its efforts to reduce the mosquito population and the spread of West Nile virus, the Placer Mosquito Abatement District will be conducting ground spraying by truck in south Roseville on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, August 30 through September 1. Weather permitting, the spraying will occur between 1 a.m. and 4 a.m.

The Placer County West Nile virus information line, 530-889-4001, has recorded information available in English and Spanish. The Placer County web site, www.placer.ca. gov/wnv and the City web site, www.roseville.ca.us, will also contain information.

Roseville residents in the spraying areas will be notified at least two days prior to the technician's arrival with a pre-recorded message sent by the City's telephone teleminder system. Updates or changes to the schedule will be posted to the websites or by calling the district's information line.

To date, eight human cases of West Nile Virus have been confirmed in Roseville, and one each in Lincoln and Rocklin. PAR and Placer Mosquito Abatement District officials are concerned that having hundreds of people congregating at dusk, in an area with increased West Nile virus activity in birds, mosquitoes and humans increases the likelihood that others may be exposed to the virus.

"The best way to prevent West Nile virus is to avoid being bitten by mosquitoes. The District is strongly recommending that events which put people at risk be postponed or cancelled while the virus is present in the area," said Charlie Dill, director of the Placer Mosquito Abatement District. "We thank the Performing Arts of Roseville for supporting our efforts to protect the public health in South Placer."

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The second area to be sprayed by truck on Wednesday, August 31 is along roads located between Harding Boulevard/Galleria Boulevard, Douglas Boulevard, Vernon Street, Washington Boulevard, Pleasant Grove Boulevard and Roseville Parkway.

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A map of the spraying area is available by clicking on WNV map.

Mosquito Control Technicians in two trucks will drive along residential streets applying Pyrenone 25-5 in an ultra-low volume fog that breaks down rapidly upon exposure to air and sunlight. The mosquito control material is applied in droplets that are five to 20 microns across, which is finer than a human hair and is the most effective way in eliminating the adult mosquito population, according to research by UC Davis.

Roseville and south Placer County residents wishing to be placed on Placer Mosquito Abatement District's "No Spray" list should notify the district, preferably by email at pminfo@placermosquito.org, or by calling the District beginning Monday, August 29, at 916-435-2140, and provide their name, telephone number, and physical address.

The majority of people who are bitten by an infected mosquito will not become ill. However, about 20 percent of those who are infected will show mild to moderate flu-like symptoms that may last for weeks. About one in 150 infected people will develop severe illness. The severe symptoms can include high fever, headache, neck stiffness, stupor, disorientation, coma, tremors, convulsions, muscle weakness, vision loss, numbness and paralysis. These symptoms may last several weeks, and neurological effects may be permanent.

In addition to the 10 human cases in Placer County, there have been more than 60 dead birds that have tested positive for the WNV, 11 horses, 2 dead squirrels and 18 mosquito pools (a mosquito pool is a collection of about 50 mosquitoes that are tested for WNV and other diseases).

In 2004, WNV-positive birds were found in all areas of the county, including Lake Tahoe. So far this year, WNV-positive birds have been detected in the following areas: 33 in Roseville and the unincorporated area between the city limits and Sutter County; nine in Granite Bay; five each in Auburn and Lincoln; four in Loomis; two in each of the communities of Newcastle and Penryn; and one each in the communities of Foresthill and

Tahoe City.

The Abatement District and Placer County offer the following additional reminders to prevent the spread of West Nile virus:

- Drain standing water weekly, since that's where mosquitoes lay eggs. Check your yard for water in old tires, flower pots and bird baths.
- Avoid mosquito bites by staying indoors at dusk and dawn when mosquitoes are most active, wearing long sleeves and long pants, and using an insect repellant that contains DEET, Picaridin, or Oil of Lemon Eucalyptus.
- Dead birds that test positive for West Nile virus are a surveillance tool to help track the disease. If you find a dead bird, please call the state at 1-877-WNV-BIRD to report it, or do so online at www.westnile.ca.gov.

Horses are vulnerable to West Nile virus, and many die. Contact your veterinarian about protective immunizations. West Nile does not spread between humans and horses.

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Cathy Macaulay, president of PAR, announced the decision about the organization's Music in the Park series. The August 28 concert will be rescheduled, Macaulay said. PAR concert information is available at (916) 786-7380 or online at <a href="www.">www.</a>
PerformingArtsOfRoseville.org.



### Tom Miller to Become New County Executive Officer

8-24-05

The Placer County Board of Supervisors has named Tom Miller to succeed County Executive Officer Jan Christofferson following her retirement in late October.

Currently Miller serves as the director of the Community Development/Resource Agency, providing centralized leadership for land development issues in an era of unprecedented growth in the county.

"I am very pleased with Tom as the choice to succeed Jan," said Board of Supervisors Chairman Robert Weygandt. "He has a long and diverse tenure in public service working in three local governments.

"He has been on the Placer team for six years, understands our needs, and has proven his skills. He will serve our citizens well, and I look forward to working with him."

Miller was appointed as the County's Facility Services Director in 1999 after serving as acting County Administrative Officer in Nevada County. He has extensive public works and planning experience from responsibilities in Nevada and Trinity Counties, plus planning experience in the City of Sacramento. He has a B.A. in Environmental Studies and additional graduate work in Applied Economics from California State University (Sacramento).

"I'm happy that the Board appointed Tom," said CEO Christofferson. "He has many years of experience in County government and has done well as a County department head, particularly as Community Development/Resource Agency Director. I look forward to a busy but productive transition with Tom and will support him in any way I can."

"I'm very honored by the faith of the Board of Supervisors in selecting me, and I look forward to following in Jan's footsteps in managing the many critical responsibilities of Tom Miller to Become New County Executive Officer | Public Information Office | Placer County, CA

this new role," Miller said.

In the role as County Executive, Miller will oversee the operation of most County departments, prepare an annual budget for Board of Supervisors approval, advise the Board on fiscal, operations and staffing matters and ensure implementation of Board policies and directives. The County of Placer has a current budget of about \$570 million, 23 departments and more than 2,700 employees providing services to more than 306,000 residents in locations from the Nevada State line to Sacramento County.

Miller is married and has two sons. The family lives in North Auburn.



#### Three Additional Cases of West Nile Virus Announced

8-23-05

AUBURN, CA -- Placer County Public Deputy Public Health Officer Michael Mulligan, M.D., today announced that three more Placer County residents have been diagnosed with West Nile fever. The additional cases bring the 2005 total to seven.

The three, a 58-year old female, a 59-year old male and a 45-year old male, are all south county residents.

"West Nile virus can be a serious illness in some people," said Dr. Michael Mulligan, assistant county health officer. "It is important to remember that very few people will actually contract the disease or show symptoms. And West Nile virus is preventable with a few simple precautions."

The Placer Mosquito Abatement District will continue its multi-pronged efforts to reduce mosquitoes in Placer County.

"The District will continue to do all it can to reduce adult mosquitoes and their larvae," said Charlie Dill, district manager. "We encourage county residents to do their part by removing standing water in their yards where mosquitoes breed."

The majority of people who are bitten by an infected mosquito will not become ill. However, about 20 percent of those who are infected will show mild to moderate flu-like symptoms that may last for weeks. About one in 150 infected people will develop severe illness. The severe symptoms can include high fever, headache, neck stiffness, stupor, disorientation, coma, tremors, convulsions, muscle weakness, vision loss, numbness and paralysis. These symptoms may last several weeks, and neurological effects may be permanent.

In addition to the four human cases in Placer County, there have been 52 dead birds that

have tested positive for the WNV, five horses, two dead squirrels and 12 mosquito pools (a collection of about 50 mosquitoes that are tested for WNV and other diseases).

In 2004, WNV-positive birds were found in all areas of the county, including Lake Tahoe. So far this year, the bulk of the WNV-positive birds that have been detected in the county have come from Roseville and the area between the city limits and Sutter County.

The Abatement District and Placer County offer the following additional reminders to prevent the spread of West Nile virus:

- Drain standing water weekly, since that's where mosquitoes lay eggs. Check your yard for water in old tires, flower pots and bird baths.
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For more information or free presentations or materials, call the District at 916-435-2140. The Placer County West Nile virus information line, 530-889-4001, has recorded information available in English and Spanish. Information is also <u>available on the County</u> website and Placer Mosquito Abatement District website.



#### County to hold Hearing on North Fork American River Trail Plan

**Public Scoping Hearing: Environmental Impact Report** 

8-22-05

On Aug. 31, 2005 at 6:00 PM, Facility Services will hold a public scoping meeting in the Board of Supervisors Chambers, 175 Fulweiler Avenue, Auburn, CA 95603. Staff will give a detailed project status description and accept public comments on the scope of the EIR.

The North Fork American River Trail project is proposed as a multiple use trail that will begin at the confluence of the North and Middle Forks of the American River and end at Ponderosa Bridge, approximately 12.6 miles upstream.



### Placer County Officials Announce Another Human West Nile Virus Infection

8-15-05

AUBURN, CA – Another human case of West Nile virus (WNV) from Placer County have been discovered, officials from the Placer Mosquito Abatement District and the county Health and Human Services Department announced today. The additional case brings to four the 2005 county total of human cases.

The new case is a female, 42-year old South County resident in the 95678 Zip code area of Roseville. The previous three Placer County WNV cases are also from this Zip code.

"While the elderly and the sick are more susceptible to the serious consequences of West Nile virus, the disease can infect healthy people of all age groups," said Dr. Michael Mulligan, assistant county health officer. "While the majority of those with West Nile will never experience symptoms, about one in 150 of those infected will suffer serious illness. This is why the public needs to take precautions to lessen the risk of being infected."

The District continues to monitor and treat areas where the mosquitoes and their larvae are found and conduct surveillance in other areas.

"Our surveillance of mosquito breeding areas is ongoing," said Charlie Dill, district manager. "We kill adult mosquitoes in agricultural areas of Western Placer County to interrupt the migratory flights of mosquitoes."

The Abatement District will hold a mosquito fish giveaway in Placer County on Sat., Aug. 20, 2005, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., at the Placer County Dewitt Center, in the parking lot/grassy area between A and B avenues off Bell Road in Auburn. The fish eat mosquito larvae in ponds, troughs and other non-maintained water containers.

The District, Placer County Health and Human Services and City of Roseville officials will host a community forum in Roseville on Thursday, Aug. 18 at 7 p.m., to discuss

efforts to deal with the disease. The forum will be at the Roseville City Hall Chambers, 311 Vernon Street.

The majority of people who are bitten by an infected mosquito will not become ill. However, about 20 percent of those who are infected will show mild to moderate flu-like symptoms that may last for weeks. About one in 150 infected people will develop severe illness. The severe symptoms can include high fever, headache, neck stiffness, stupor, disorientation, coma, tremors, convulsions, muscle weakness, vision loss, numbness and paralysis. These symptoms may last several weeks, and neurological effects may be permanent.

In addition to the four human cases in Placer County, there have been 46 dead birds that have tested positive for the WNV, three horses, two dead squirrels and 12 mosquito pools (a collection of about 50 mosquitoes that are tested for WNV and other diseases).

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#### Placer Mosquito Abatement District Explains Efforts to Control Spread of West Nile Virus

The Placer Mosquito Abatement District and Placer County Health Department are hosting a community forum on Thursday, August 18 to educate the public and answer questions about its efforts to control the mosquito population in Roseville and South Placer County.

The community meeting will be held at 7 p.m., Thursday, August 18 in the Roseville City Council Chambers, 311 Vernon Street. The public is encouraged to attend.

The meeting will be broadcast live on Roseville's Government Access Channels 14/73 in Roseville. A replay of the meeting will be available through the city's website.

Placer Mosquito Abatement District and Placer County Health Department officials will explain what is happening in the South Placer County region and the efforts taken to control the mosquito population and the spread of West Nile Virus.

In 2005, four Roseville adults have been diagnosed with West Nile Virus. Two became sick and have recovered. The third adult did not develop any symptoms and was discovered through routine screening of blood donations.

The majority of people who are bitten by an infected mosquito will not become ill. However, about 20 percent of those who are infected will show mild to moderate flu-like symptoms that may last for weeks.

This year, 29 birds were discovered in Roseville and the unincorporated area between the city and Sutter County infected with West Nile Virus. Five infected birds have been found in Granite Bay and five in Lincoln.

For more information, please call the Placer County Health Department at (530) 889-

4001. Information is also <u>available on the County website</u> and at the <u>Placer Mosquito</u> <u>Abatement District website</u>.



# Distrito de Disminución de Mosquitos de Placer Explica Esfuerzos para Controlar la Propagación del Virus del Nilo Occidental

El Distrito de Disminución de Mosquitos de Placer y el Departamento de Salud del Condado de Placer estan presentando un foro a la comunidad el Jueves, 18 de Agosto para educar al público y contestar preguntas acerca de sus esfuerzos de controlar la población de mosquitos en Roseville y el Sur del Condado de Placer.

La junta de la comunidad se llevará a cabo a las 7 p.m., Jueves, 18 de Agosto, en la Cámara del Consejo de la Ciudad de Roseville, 311 Vernon Street. Se le aconseja al público atender.

La junta será televisada en vivo en los Canales 14/73 de Acceso de Gobierno de Roseville. La repetición de la junta estará disponible por medio del <u>sitio de Internet de la Ciudad.</u>

Oficiales del Distrito de Disminución de Mosquitos de Placer y el Departamento de Salud del Condado de Placer explicaran qué está pasando en la región del Sur del Condado de Placer y los esfuerzos tomados para controlar la población de mosquitos y la propagación del Virus del Nilo Occidental.

En 2005, cuatro adultos de Roseville han sido diagnosticados con el Virus del Nilo Occidental. Dos se enfermaron y se han recuperado. El tercer adulto no contrayó ningún síntoma y fue descubrido por medio de una revisión de donaciones de sangre rutinarias.

La mayoría de la gente quienes son picados por un mosquito infectado no se enfermaran. Sin embargo, como 20 por ciento de ésos que son infectados enseñaran síntomas leves a moderados como de la gripe que pueden durar por semanas.

Este año, 29 pájaros fueron descubiertos en Roseville y en la area no incorporada entre la ciudad y el Condado de Sutter infectados con el Virus del Nilo Occidental. Cinco pájaros

infectados han sido encontrados en Granite Bay y cinco en Lincoln.

Para más información, favor llame al Departamento de Salud del Condado de Placer al (530) 889-4001. Información también está disponible por <u>medio de la Internet</u> y <u>Distrito</u> de Disminución de Mosquitos de Placer.



## West Nile Virus Infects Two More Humans in Placer County

8-10-05

AUBURN, CA -- Two additional human cases of West Nile virus (WNV) from Placer County have been discovered, officials from the Placer Mosquito Abatement District and the county Health and Human Services announced today. These additional cases bring to three the 2005 county total of human cases.

The first of the two new cases is a South County resident who is recovering from WNV fever syndrome. The second was discovered during the routine screening of blood donors.

"Fortunately, 80 percent of the people who get WNV will never suffer any symptoms," said Dr. Michael Mulligan, assistant county health officer. "One in 150 people who get the virus will suffer the most serious effects. We cannot stress enough the importance of preventative measures to avoid being bitten by mosquitoes. The hot, mosquito-breeding weather is upon us. Residents need to take precautions against mosquitoes in all areas of the county."

As part of their eradication efforts, the Placer Mosquito Abatement District is currently treating storm drains for mosquitoes in South Placer County. There is currently no aerial spraying planned for residential areas in Placer County to kill mosquitoes.

"We'll be pulling all storm drain lids and using hand-held foggers when we detect adult mosquitoes," said Charlie Dill, district manager. "The drains are cooler and the adult mosquitoes like to rest in them after they've had a blood meal."

The Abatement District will also be holding two mosquito fish giveaways in Placer County. The first will be Sat., Aug. 13, 2005 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Loomis Fruit Shed at the intersection of Horseshoe Bar and Taylor Roads. The second will be Sat., Aug. 20, 2005, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., at Placer County Dewitt Center, in the parking lot/grassy area at "A" Avenue off Bell Road in Auburn. The fish eat mosquito

larvae in ponds, troughs and other non-maintained water containers.

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In addition to the three human cases in Placer County, there have been 43 dead birds that have tested positive for the WNV, two horses, two dead squirrels and eight mosquito pools (a collection of about 50 mosquitoes that are tested for WNV and other diseases).

In 2004, WNV-positive birds were found in all areas of the county, including Lake Tahoe. So far this year, WNV-positive birds have been detected in the following areas:

- 27 in Roseville, and the area between the city limits and Sutter County;
- 5 in Granite Bay;
- 4 in Lincoln;
- 2 each in Penryn and Auburn;
- 1 in each of the communities of Foresthill, Newcastle and Loomis.

The Abatement District and Placer County offer the following additional reminders to prevent the spread of West Nile virus:

- Drain standing water weekly, since that's where mosquitoes lay eggs. Check your yard for water in old tires, flower pots and bird baths.
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#### **County Executive Officer Plans to Retire**

7-27-05

Placer County Executive Officer Jan Christofferson has announced her retirement from the County, citing a desire to spend more time with family and to pursue part time career options including consulting work with her father, a retired city manager.

"The demands of an executive-level position often strain the work-life balance," she said. "I look forward to a healthier balance in my life by decelerating my career and spending much more time with my family, particularly as my daughter enters her senior year in high school."

Prior to her appointment as Placer County Executive Officer in June of 2001, Ms. Christofferson had been County Administrative Officer for Yuba County for five and a half years. She has a total of 28 years in public service, almost 10 in an executive capacity.

Recognized as a leader among her colleagues across the state because of her knowledge of issues facing rural and suburban counties such as Placer, she served as president of the California Administrative Officers Association of California in 2004.

She has led the county through a period of growth and change, particularly in the South Placer cities. Three new county facilities to serve the growing population are now under construction to help serve new residents as well as those already living here.

Under her leadership the county has enjoyed a strong economic development environment, including leading the nation in job growth, attracting a California State University which could someday serve 25,000 students and a \$3 billion investment at Northstar-at-Tahoe. An additional regional university is also in the planning process.

Her financial leadership has resulted in long-term budget forecasting, a capital facility financing plan, identification of long-term unfunded liabilities and comprehensive budget and debt management policies. She also led efforts to restructure the organization in key areas, including a two-year study leading to the recent creation of the Community

#### Development/Resource Agency.

""I'm extremely disappointed that she's leaving, however I wish her the best in her new endeavors," said Board of Supervisors Chairman Robert Weygandt.Perhaps her most important accomplishments include our Governing for Results program that focuses on providing quality service and accountability to the public, tied directly to our budget planning. Also critical is our workforce planning effort that will assure the county can continue to attract high quality staff despite the challenge of having baby boomers retire and fewer workers available to take their places, and our Executive Leadership Program to help train our cadre of leaders for the future."

"The Board and the county face a challenge in seeking her replacement and finding continuity in our ability to preserve our excellent services without disruption. I've enjoyed working with her." "There is never a 'good' time to leave, but I'm pleased that Placer County is in solid financial shape, and I'm confident that all the effort we've invested in long range planning will pay off in the future," CEO Christofferson said.

"It's been a privilege to serve the residents of Placer County, particularly in this challenging time of growth. I'll miss our talented, dedicated staff most of all.

"I'm happy to do what I can to assist the County after I retire - my family and I have lived here more than 17 years and I want Placer County to remain the first-class county it is."

Her last day at the county will be October 28, 2005. In a separate action Tuesday she appointed Michael J. Boyle as Interim Assistant County Executive Officer, replacing Assistant CEO Robert Bendorf who left recently to take a job in the private sector.



### **Boyle Appointed Interim Assistant County Executive Officer**

7-27-05

Michael J. Boyle has been appointed interim Assistant County Executive Officer by Jan Christofferson, County Executive Officer, effective immediately.

Mr. Boyle has recently served as Deputy County Executive Officer, including responsibilities for Risk Management. He was hired by Placer County in 1988 as the Director of the Office of Emergency Services and since that time has handled a number of other assignments and projects within the Executive Office. Prior to coming to Placer County, Mr. Boyle worked for the County of San Mateo and prior to that the State of California.

Boyle enjoys the challenges of local government especially that of counties with the complexity and array of the services provided to residents. "For a local government, implementing the policy of elected officials, meeting and balancing the needs of our growing communities, delivering effective programs, and maintaining cooperative relationships with our partner agencies are essential components of serving the public well. While challenging, county-level work is also very rewarding and I look forward to the assignment and making additional contributions," he said.

"Mike's leadership and management skills make him an ideal candidate to assume this important role," said Jan Christofferson, County Executive Officer. "He's a trusted and respected senior manager who will be a great asset in this time of transition."

He replaces Robert Bendorf, the previous Assistant County Executive Officer, who left the position to take a job in the private sector.



### County Celebrates Start of Work on South Placer Justice Center

July 12, 2005

Placer County formally broke ground Tuesday on the South Placer Justice Center, a long-awaited complex just inside Roseville's borders that will bring many public protection services closer to the major population centers in South Placer cities.

Braving hundred-degree temperatures under large tents, representatives from the Placer County Superior Court, city police and sheriff's deputies, prosecutors, probation officers and other law enforcement agencies joined the county Board of Supervisors in celebrating the project.

The first phase of the project will include a 110,700-square-foot courthouse building with nine courtrooms, a secure holding facility for jail inmates and space for court administration.

At the same time, a privately owned 60,000-square-foot office building is being constructed. Placer County will lease about 40,000 square feet of the building for the District Attorney's Office, Probation Department and possibly other county programs.

"Our South Placer Justice Center will provide a higher level of service for all our constituents, those who live in the cities and those who live in the unincorporated area," said Board of Supervisors Chairman Robert Weygandt. "It's gratifying to see this ambitious and long-needed project take shape."

Co-locating county public-protection agencies and the courts will enhance staff's ability to work together.

"A few years ago, the South Placer Justice Center was just a twinkle in our eyes," said Supervisor Bill Santucci, who represents District 1, including the site in Roseville. "Soon it will be a great convenience for residents in South Placer, where so much growth has taken place, particularly those reporting for jury duty. It will also save South Placer police officers and deputy sheriffs considerable time over driving to Auburn to conduct business with the court, District Attorney or Probation Department."

The new court building will feature improved security for staff and the public, and much better and more comfortable accommodations for citizens reporting for jury duty.

"This new courthouse is a reflection of the tremendous growth in Placer County and the commitment of our justice partners, the Placer County Board of Supervisors and the County Executive Office, to provide for our residents a courthouse that will serve to improve the quality of justice for all," Presiding Superior Court Judge Frances Kearney said.

"We will have better security and efficiency for all users of the court from attorneys to residents to jurors. We will be able to provide faster service and improve the access to justice for all concerned. The latest technologies will be incorporated to streamline service to all and make the best use of our limited staff.

"None of this would have been possible without the diligent work of two of our former Presiding Judges, James Garbolino and Alan Pineschi, whose work was critical to the success of bringing this project to reality. This new courthouse will be a much-needed addition to the beautiful Historic Courthouse in downtown Auburn and we look to many years of service to our residents of Placer County."

The first phase of the justice center will cost the county an estimated \$53 million, with completion expected in 2006. The cost total includes purchase of the site, utilities, parking, roads and frontage improvements.

"Later phases will be completed as needed over the next 20 years," county Facility Services Director Jim Durfee said. "Our preliminary estimate for the total cost of the South Placer Justice Center is more than \$250 million."

A 360-bed detention facility should be completed by about 2010. An additional 620 jail beds will be needed by 2025. Justice Center offices for the District Attorney, Probation and other county agencies; a sheriff's substation and vehicle maintenance facility; an archive facility and a storage building are also planned.

The 44.5-acre site of the South Placer Justice Center is located between Industrial Avenue and Highway 65, south of Sunset Boulevard West. Access will be from Industrial Avenue.

Other courtrooms and other county facilities in Auburn will continue to provide service as

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## Placer County Hires New Director of Library Services

June 29, 2005

Placer County hired a new Director of Library Services Tuesday, selecting a deputy director at the Sacramento Public Library whose 30-year career also includes a stint at the California State Library.

County Executive Officer Jan
Christofferson hired Mark Parker to fill the
top management post at the Placer County
Library, and the County Board of
Supervisors voted Tuesday to concur with
her decision.

"We're pleased to hire someone with Mark's broad range of experience," Christofferson said. "Throughout his career, he has demonstrated leadership and administrative skills that will serve him well as director of our library system."



A resident of Smartville in Nevada County, Parker is scheduled to start his new job July 18. He will replace Elaine Reed, who retired this spring after 13 years as Placer County's Director of Library Services.

"I'm delighted to be here - it's a great opportunity," Parker said Tuesday. "I look forward to working with staff and the Friends of the Library support group to provide the best possible public service."

He currently is Deputy Director for Administrative Services at the Sacramento Public Library and was that library's deputy director responsible for the Information Technology Department from 1992-97. From 1998 to 2002, he worked as a consultant, assistant bureau chief and then chief of the Library Development Services Bureau at the State Library.

He started his career as a librarian at the Fresno County Free Library from 1975-82 and, from 1982-89, worked at the Mountain-Valley Library System, a network of libraries spread throughout Northern and Central California.

Parker has a bachelor's degree in history from the University of California at Berkeley and a master's degree from the School of Library and Information Science at San Jose State University.

The Placer County Library has branch libraries in Auburn, Applegate, Colfax, Foresthill, Granite Bay, Kings Beach, Loomis, Meadow Vista, Penryn, Rocklin and Tahoe City. It also operates a law library in Auburn and a bookmobile that serves many small communities.



### Bird in Roseville Tests Positive for West Nile Virus

#### Sent on behalf of the Placer County West Nile Task Force

Placer Mosquito Abatement District Placer County Health & Human Services

June 27, 2005

A dead bird collected in Roseville on June 20 has tested positive for West Nile virus, Placer Mosquito Abatement District and county Health and Human Services officials announced today.

The bird was an American crow, and the second bird from Placer County confirmed in 2005 as infected with West Nile virus. This information is significant because the virus is spread by mosquitoes that become infected when they bite infected birds, then infect humans or horses through bites. Last year Placer County had infected birds, mosquitoes, chickens, horses and one human case, spread through most of the county. In February an infected bird was found in Lincoln.

"Crows are particularly susceptible to West Nile virus, so confirmation of this virus is very important," said Dr. Jamesina Scott, Ph.D., Placer Mosquito Abatement District Vector Ecologist.

The most important message for residents is prevention. "Finding this infected bird reinforces the need for residents to take common-sense protective actions against mosquito bites," said Assistant County Health Officer Dr. Michael Mulligan. "Soon, our residents will be outside enjoying the holidays, particularly at dusk when mosquitoes are very active, and should make sure to use insect repellants, particularly those containing DEET.

It's also very smart to cover up, with long sleeves and long pants. No one really wants to

be bitten." Most people who get West Nile virus from infected mosquitoes won't become ill. But about 20 percent may experience mild-to-moderate flu-like symptoms which may be prolonged.

About one in 150 people will become very ill. People over 50 and people with suppressed or compromised immune systems are more likely to become seriously ill. West Nile virus is rare, but people with symptoms, including high fever, severe headache and stiff neck, should contact their health care provider immediately. In California last year, there were 830 human cases with 28 deaths.

The Placer Mosquito Abatement District and Placer County Health and Human Services offer the following additional reminders to prevent the spread of West Nile virus:

- Drain standing water weekly, since that's where mosquitoes lay eggs. Check your yard for water in old tires, flower pots and bird baths.
- Avoid mosquito bites by staying indoors at dusk and dawn when mosquitoes are most active, wearing long sleeves and long pants, and using an insect repellant that contains DEET or oil of lemon eucalyptus.
- Dead birds that test positive for West Nile virus are a surveillance tool to help track the disease. If you find a dead bird, please call the state at 1-877-WNV-BIRD to report it, or do so online.
- Horses are vulnerable to West Nile virus, and many die. Contact your veterinarian about protective immunizations. West Nile does not spread between humans and horses.

For more information or free presentations or materials, call the Placer Mosquito Abatement District at 916-435-2140 or <u>visit their web site</u>. Here is further information <u>on</u> the county web site.



### Public Scoping Meeting - Truckee River Corridor Access Plan

Where When

<u>Fairway Community Center</u> 330 Fairway Drive, Lakeview Room Tahoe City, CA July 12, 2005 - 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM

The Placer County Planning Department will hold a public scoping meeting to consider the potential to restore and build trail along the Truckee River. The goal of the proposed Truckee River Corridor Access Plan is to provide a continuous and coordinated system of preserved lands and habitat, with a connecting corridor of walking, in-line skating, equestrian, bicycle trails, and angling and boating access from Lake Tahoe to the Town of Truckee.

The plan is to include a coordinated multi-jurisdiction management strategy to address:

- Trails and public access
- Habitat conservation/restoration
- Flood control and water quality

Planners are particularly interested in identifying solutions to the missing connections and directing recreation access to enhance water quality, respect private property rights, and protect riparian and aquatic habitat.

All property owners adjacent to the proposed project site are encouraged to attend to provide input on this project. Members of the public are also welcome.

Any letters, written materials, studies, or reports longer than one (1) page should be delivered to the Planning Department, 11414 B Avenue, Auburn, CA 95603, at least 24

hours or (1) business working day before the meeting, by Monday, July 11, at 5 p.m. The department's email address is planning@placer.ca.gov, and the fax number is 530-886-3080.

Further information on the project can be obtained by calling the Planning Department at (530) 886-3000 or 1-800-488-4308, ext. 3000 during normal business hours. Interested parties are invited to attend the hearing or submit written comments.

#### **Distribution**

- Supervisor Bruce Kranz
- Caltrans
- Town of Truckee
- Tahoe City MAC
- North Tahoe Regional Advisory Committee
- Squaw Valley MAC
- Truckee River Watershed Council
- Tahoe City PUD
- Friends of Squaw Creek
- US Forest Service
- US Fish & Wildlife Service
- Property Owners (588)

#### **County Departments**

- Environmental Health
- Public Works
- Facility Services Special Districts
- Facility Services Parks
- Air Pollution Control District
- Sheriff's Department
- CDF



# Fire Agencies Turn Out in Force for Auburn Drill Saturday

#### Posted on behalf of the Placer County Fire Chiefs Association

June 25, 2005

More than 200 firefighters from approximately 20 agencies participated in Wildland 2005, a daylong drill held in Auburn Saturday.

The drill allowed participating agencies to hone tactical skills that will be needed during this summer's fire season.

"It was a really good showing," said Chief Dave Ebert of the Penryn Fire Protection District, the incident commander, emphasizing that the strong turnout shows how committed local agencies are to be prepared for this summer's wildfires.

The Gold Country Fairgrounds in Auburn served as the base of operations.

Beginning at 9 a.m., strike teams of firefighters took turns laying fire hoses along the American River Canyon's steep terrain in South Auburn, building a hand line, training on the use of equipment such as new-style fire shelters and studying techniques for protecting residences.

The drill also gave participating agencies a chance to rehearse the coordination needed during major emergencies. In such cases, they rely on the Incident Command System, an organizational model that allows individual agencies nationwide to quickly, efficiently coordinate personnel, equipment and communications while responding to emergencies.

Chief Ebert noted that vegetation is higher than usual because of the late rainfall this spring, and it will provide a large amount of fuel for wildfires as it dries under the summer sun.

"The potential is certainly there this year for an extremely active fire season," he said.

#### Agencies that participated included:

- The U.S. Forest Service (Tahoe National Forest) and Bureau of Land Management,
- California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, from Nevada-Yuba-Placer and Butte units; state Office of Emergency Services and California Army National Guard:
- Placer County Fire Department, including Colfax City Fire, Dry Creek Fire, Paige Fire and Fowler Fire companies. Placer County is staffed by the CDF under contract with the county;
- Auburn, Rocklin, and Roseville and fire departments; and
- Penryn, Placer Consolidated, South Placer, Foresthill, Placer Hills and Loomis fire protection districts
- Penn Valley, Rough and Ready, Higgins, Ophir Hill, Peardale and Nevada County Consolidated Fire Protection Districts from Nevada County, plus the Town of Washington Fire Department;
- Placer County Sheriff's Department;
- Placer County Office of Emergency Services; and
- American Medical Response, an ambulance company; and
- Sacramento Metro Fire Department sent a helicopter.

Altogether, there were 32 engines, 2 helicopters, one ambulance, and three communication vehicles.



#### **County Offers Smoking Cessation Classes**

June 2, 2005

Been thinking about quitting smoking? Celebrate Independence Day this year with Freedom from Smoking.

Placer County Health and Human Services will be offering a Smoking Cessation class on Thursday nights from June 28 to Aug. 11. The class will meet from 6:00 to 7:30 pm. in Carnelian Bay at the Placer County office building located at 5225 North Lake Blvd.

"If you have quit once or a dozen times, this is the class for you," stressed Dr. Michael Mulligan, Assistant County Health Officer. "In the class you will learn about your habit, triggers, techniques and explore the quitting strategies that work best for you. Quit day is week four so you have time to prepare.

"You can also gain support and assistance from others in the group who are also quitting, and hear tips on staying smoke-free, preventing weight gain and coping with stress."

Space is limited so participants should call soon to register or obtain more information. Cost is \$20.00 for the entire session and includes snacks and materials.

Contact River Coyote, Placer County Health Educator at 530-546-1924.



#### Placer County WIC Helps Nourish Children

June 2, 2005

Dozens of studies have documented how poor nutrition can limit a young child's ability to learn. Placer County Community Health helps young children get the healthy foods they need to nurture their developing brains – and there's proof that it's working.

The Women, Infant and Children (WIC) Program in Placer County Health and Human Services, Community Health, reaches out to low-income families to ensure that young children have access to healthier foods. WIC is a supplemental food and nutrition education program for low-income pregnant and breastfeeding women and their children under age five. It is funded by the California Department of Health Services, with funding from the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA).

"Our job is to help feed the minds of our youngest children," said Dr. Michael Mulligan, Assistant Health Officer. "We want to avoid future learning problems by providing children with good nutrition in the first few years of their lives. For example, iron deficiency is one of the most prevalent nutrition problems among American children. Iron deficiency in infancy may cause a permanent loss of IQ. WIC has been successful in helping children get more iron, calcium, vitamin C, B6 and niacin into their diets."

To help infants, toddlers and preschoolers eat healthier foods, WIC in Placer County provides special redeemable checks to buy nutritious foods to supplement their diets. The foods include peanut butter, beans, milk, cheese, eggs, iron-fortified cereal, and juices. WIC teaches families about nutrition and breastfeeding, and refers them to low-cost or free health care and other community services. On average, WIC participants receive program benefits for about two years.

"WIC improves a young child's ability to learn," stressed Dr. Mulligan. Research conducted by the USDA Food and Nutrition Service Program found that children enrolled in WIC after one year of age had significantly improved memories for numbers than children not enrolled in the WIC program. In addition, young children whose mothers had participated in the program scored significantly higher on vocabulary tests. WIC also

reduces the need for special education that results when malnutrition in children goes unchecked. "WIC is indeed creating brighter, healthier children for today and tomorrow."

WIC services are provided throughout Placer County in sites in Auburn, Roseville, Lincoln and Kings Beach. To learn more about the WIC program, please call 889-7187 or 1-800-829-7199 ext, 7187.



# Placer County Local Community Benefit Committee Awards Grants to Local Agencies

May 24, 2005

With the support of the Tribal Council of the United Auburn Indian Community, Placer County's Indian Gaming Local Community Benefit Committee (LCBC) has announced its 2005 grant awards to local governments. As prescribed by state law, the grant funds come from the Indian Gaming Special Distribution Fund and are intended to mitigate impacts associated with tribal gaming.

Agencies awarded grants are as follows:

- City of Roseville Police Department, \$60,000, for crime reduction;
- Placer County Air Pollution Control District, \$77,000, for motor-vehicle emission reductions;
- Placer County Probation Department, \$60,000, for the day reporting center;
- City of Lincoln Police Department, \$50,000, for records management system;
- City of Rocklin Police Department, \$60,000, for automated suspect identification;
- Placer County Public Works Department, \$48,000, for road overlay project on Industrial Blvd.;
- Newcastle Fire Protection District, \$10,679.82, vehicle accident response improvement;
- City of Lincoln Police Department, \$10,000, for the Police Activities League.

"In choosing the recipients, we focused on the most important service impacts, and attempted to balance the needs in the surrounding city and county communities," said Julie A. Huff, Tribal Vice Chair and Vice Chair of LCBC. "We appreciate the cooperative approach of the governments in the area."

The Indian Gaming Special Distribution Fund is based on assessments by the state on tribal gaming machines that were in place prior to 1999. Thunder Valley Casino, which is

owned by the United Auburn Indian Community, did not open until 2003.

The committee received almost \$750,000 in grant applications, but had \$375,679.82 to distribute.

"It's wonderful to be able to work with the United Auburn Indian Community in helping with so many deserving projects," said Rocklin City Councilmember Brett Storey, who also chairs the LCBC.

The Local Community Benefit Committee also includes county Supervisors Robert Weygandt and Bruce Kranz, Roseville City Councilmember Rocky Rockholm, Lincoln City Councilmember Ray Sprague, and Jessica Tavares, United Auburn Indian Community Tribal Chairperson.



### Child Support Services Projects Budget Deficit

May 20, 2005

Staff from the County Executive Office and the Personnel Department are working with the Department of Child Support Services to avert layoffs in the wake of a \$760,000 projected department budget deficit for 2005-06.

Because Child Support Services is funded solely by state and federal funds, the Placer County Board of Supervisors must consider reducing staff positions by 10 in order to balance the departmental budget, and may take formal action on Tuesday. However, staff members who could lose their jobs are being linked to other departments that currently have vacant positions the employees are qualified for and the departments are trying to fill.

The local CSS budget deficit is occurring because federal and state funding to the County department has not increased since 2001, while costs have continued to climb.

Placer County was a pilot county in October of 2001 when the state transferred responsibility statewide from district attorney offices to new county departments, and has received recognition from the state for its success.

According to the Child Support Directors Association of California, funding constraints in county CSS departments are expected to result in more than 1,000 unfilled positions or layoffs in counties across California.

"We're in the same boat as other public agencies and private-sector companies across California that must deal with rising health care, workers' compensation and other costs year by year. Our problem is we're totally dependent on the state and federal governments for funding, and they haven't provided any additional funding despite the increasing costs to operate the program, "county Child Support Services Director Pamela McManis said.

"Despite these challenges, I'm very proud of the commitment and dedication the staff has shown to protect the welfare of children in Placer County. We have built one of the strongest programs in the state since 2001. It's disheartening to go through this upheaval, but we will continue to provide the best services possible."

During the past two years, the department has averted layoffs by cutting non-employee costs \$600,000, reducing staff through attrition from 97 to 71 employees, implementing a voluntary work-furlough program and obtaining a one-time revenue augmentation from the state for information technology support.

At Tuesday's meeting, the board also will consider a proposal to offset the staff losses by reducing the number of hours Child Support Services is open to the public each week.

The department's offices in Auburn and Carnelian Bay currently are open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mondays through Fridays. The board will be asked to keep the Auburn office open to the public from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays and the Carnelian Bay office from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.

The department's responsibilities include helping collect and distribute child-support and spousal-support payments. In child-support cases, the department often assists in establishing and enforcing court orders, establishing paternity and locating parents subject to court orders.

"The state's fiscal problems and failure to provide adequate funding have created this difficult situation for the county," said Robert Weygandt, Board Chairman. "Our staff has done an excellent job in serving our families despite this hardship."

In 2004, Placer County staff was able to help families collect more than \$15 million in support payments. However, staff reductions are having a negative impact in that the department collected almost half a million dollars less in 2004 than 2003.

Tuesday's meeting will be held at 9 a.m. in the county's Auburn administration center, 175 Fulweiler Ave.



### Mental Health, Alcohol and Drug Board Seeks New Members

May 16, 2005

The Placer County Mental Health, Alcohol and Drug Board is looking for new members to fill several vacancies.

The 16-member board is particularly interested in recruiting Placer County residents who are members of ethnic groups. It also is looking for applicants who

are religious leaders or are professionals who can represent law enforcement, education or the mental health field on the board.

Residents who receive services also are encouraged to apply.

Meetings normally are held in the evening on the fourth Monday of each month. Committees meet at 5 p.m. before board meetings.

The board's next regular meeting is scheduled to be held at 6:15 p.m. Monday, May 23 in the Adult System of Care conference room, 11533 C Ave., in Auburn. The meeting will be open to the public.

The board is responsible for reviewing mental-health and substance-abuse programs offered by Placer County. Its recommendations go to the county Board of Supervisors for review.

To get an application for the board or more information, call 530-889-7254. An application is also <u>available on the web site.</u>



# **Supervisor Kranz to Host Coffe Klatch in Colfax May 13**

May 4, 2005

Placer County Supervisor Bruce Kranz will host an informal coffee klatch in Colfax Friday, May 13 to discuss county issues with constituents.

The meeting will take place from 8 to 9 a.m. at Starbucks Coffee, 424 S. Auburn St. Appointments aren't necessary.

"There will be no agenda," Supervisor Kranz said. "I'm just interested in hearing from residents about what's going on in their neighborhoods and how they feel about county issues."

The supervisor plans to hold coffee klatches in Colfax on the second Friday of each month at the 424 S. Auburn St. Starbucks.

"These meetings will give the public a chance to sip coffee and talk with me in an informal setting," he said. "Staff also will be on hand to help with any follow-up work that arises from questions and requests for assistance during the meetings."

Supervisor Kranz represents the 5th District, which stretches from north Auburn to Lake Tahoe.

For more information about the May 13 meeting, call the Board of Supervisors office at 530-889-4010.



#### **Board of Supervisors Meet in Tahoe**

April 26, 2005

Placer County moved ahead last week with plans for building two public parking lots in Kings Beach, celebrating the start of construction of one and agreeing to purchase land for the second.

The county redevelopment agency already has purchased a third site on Minnow Avenue as part of its drive to building a series of small parking lots in Kings Beach. The goal is to provide enough public parking near commercial districts to readily accommodate peak-season tourists.

Since 1998, the redevelopment agency has committed \$1 million to the Kings Beach Core Improvement and Beautification Project for sidewalks, streetscapes and public parking.

Last Monday, the Board of Supervisors held a groundbreaking ceremony to celebrate the start of construction on a 20-space public parking at 8445 Brook Ave. Located next to Bank of the West, the Brook Avenue site is considered a good spot for public parking because it's located right off of Highway 28 in central Kings Beach.

At a meeting in Kings Beach Tuesday, the board approved the purchase of vacant land on Salmon Avenue between Coon and Fox streets for a parking lot with approximately 25 parking spaces.

The site is directly east of the Kings Beach Post Office. The purchase price is \$495,000.

During Tuesday's meeting, the board also approved allocating up to \$315,000 in motel-tax revenue to the North Lake Tahoe Resort Association for several projects:

- \$50,000 to develop a plan that will recommend code changes Placer County and the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency could make to foster redevelopment;
- Up to \$50,000 for the Workforce Housing Association of Truckee-Tahoe, a nonprofit group formed in 2002 to advocate for planning and funding of workforce

housing. The association will use the money to develop a business plan for creating a housing development corporation, which will help develop workforce housing in the area.

- \$65,000 to help pay for a parking facility at North Tahoe Regional Park.
- \$150,000 to help pay for improvements that will make a crossing at State Route 89 and Sequoia Avenue safer for bicyclists and pedestrians.

Land-acquisition and construction costs for the Brook Avenue parking lot will total slightly under \$600,000. The lot will be available for community events such as arts fairs and farmer's markets, and will be operated by the North Tahoe Public Utility District at no cost to the county.

At Tuesday's meeting, the redevelopment agency gave the board an update on the status redevelopment projects throughout the county undertaken since 1998, including those at North Lake Tahoe.

In Kings Beach and Tahoe Vista, the agency has:

- Worked on the three parking lot projects;
- Committed \$1 million to the Core Improvement and Beautification Project;
- Completed an economic development strategy for Kings Beach and Tahoe Vista and budgeted \$575, 000 for implementation;
- Helped the North Tahoe Business Association establish a Main Street Program that will seek to revitalize traditional commercial districts;
- Held talks with several property owners as part of a drive to have a mixed-use project developed on about one acre at the east-end gateway to Kings Beach;
- Assisted with demolition of an old motel along North Lake Boulevard between Chipmunk and Fox streets so a new commercial project could be built;
- Made two façade-improvement loans totaling \$26,000;
- Provided more than \$21,000 for two Kings Beach Community Clean-up Days.
- Completed a permit-streamlining and process-improvement study; and
- Issued more than \$500,000 in housing-rehabilitation loans for 42 dwelling units in the Kings Beach area.

In Tahoe City, the redevelopment agency has:

- Contributed \$700,000 to the Tahoe City Beautification and Sidewalk Project;
- Contributed \$250,000 to the Commons Beach Improvement Project. Improvements include new playground equipment, upgraded restrooms, new and resurfaced parking lot and sidewalks, and various park amenities;
- Provided \$50,000 to the Lake Tahoe Outlet Improvement Project. In partnership with the Tahoe City Public Utility District, the agency is supporting bike-trail

improvements, a new pedestrian walkway, river-viewing platform, landscaping and storm-water treatment;

- Helped fund the environmental review of a 129-space public parking structure to be developed adjoining the Tahoe City Marina;
- Is developing a 45-space public parking lot along Jack Pine Street;
- Funded a \$41,500 study that looks at relocating the Tahoe City Fire Station in keeping with the Commons Beach Master Plan.
- Provided a \$60,000 façade-improvement loan for the Davis-Gott Building, \$100,000 loan to move and rebuild the Bridge Tender Restaurant and \$100,000 loan to renovate the Tahoe Pharmacy;
- Is working with the North Lake Tahoe Resort Association on an innovative planning and design study that will look at potential sites for commercial and mixed-use development;
- Completed a report outlining an economic development strategy for Tahoe City and budgeted more than \$2.3 million for implementation;
- Committed \$50,000 to assist the formation of a nonprofit business-development organization; and
- Provided technical assistance for 78 affordable housing units for low-income seniors known as Highland Village and is currently negotiating a financialassistance package.



#### **Supervisors Approve TART Plan**

April 25, 2005

Placer County Supervisors have approved an ambitious Tahoe Area Regional Transit expansion plan that includes offering more frequent bus service, running later in the evenings and offering routes along Highway 267.

TART will also consider operating a proposed commuter bus service that would run between Truckee, Tahoe and Reno.

The Board of Supervisors gave its stamp of approval to TART's five-year expansion plan at a meeting in Kings Beach Tuesday.

The plan still must be approved by the governing board of the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency (TRPA).

TART is operated by the county Public Works Department with funding from Placer County, the town of Truckee and Washoe County Regional Transportation Commission. The bulk of TART's funding is California Transportation Development Act money the county receives from the TRPA and Placer County Transportation Planning Agency.

Public Works staff plans to work with other public agencies and the private sector to carry out the expansion plans in phases as money is available. Current service costs about \$2.1 million per year. An additional \$890,000 would be needed to fund all the improvements, with funding to come from a mix of sources. So far, about \$618,000 has been identified for improvements.

Top priorities for service expansions include 30-minute North Shore service during the summer, modifications to the summer trolley schedule and hourly service on Hwy. 89 during the winter. The plan also calls for having TART provide winter service on Hwy. 267 (versus another agency) with a second winter bus on Hwy. 267 during peak hours and year-round 90-minute service. This line would also serve the Martis Valley.



### County Looking to Fill Vacancy on Sheridan Advisory Council

April 25, 2005

The Placer County Board of Supervisors is looking for people interested in serving on the Sheridan Municipal Advisory Council.

The five-member advisory council currently has one vacancy. Sheridan area residents interested in filling the vacancy are invited to fill out applications for board review.

No deadline has been set for submitting applications, but supervisors hope to fill the vacancy soon.

Commonly known as MACs, the county's 13 advisory councils advise the Board of Supervisors on issues of public interest in unincorporated areas. The councils are charged with gathering public comment on a range of topics, including land use, public works, recreation, law enforcement and public health and safety.

Members of the Sheridan advisory council are volunteers who serve four-year terms. Each must be a property owner or business owner or manager within the area served by the MAC.

The service area of the Sheridan MAC generally is bounded by Waltz Road on the south, the Sutter County line on the west, and Bear River on the north. On the east, the boundary is a north-south line that coincides with a stretch of Karchner Road that runs north-south.

The Sheridan MAC generally meets at 7 p.m. on the second Wednesday of each month in Stewart Hall, 6005 Camp Far West Road.

For application forms or more information, call the Clerk of the Board's Office at 530-889-4020. An application is also available online.

Completed applications should be delivered to the Clerk of the Board's Office in person, by mail or by fax. The office is located at 175 Fulweiler Ave. in Auburn.

The mailing address is 175 Fulweiler Ave., Auburn, CA 95603. The fax number is 530-889-4099.



### Public Invited to Grand Opening of Doyle Ranch Park Wednesday, May 4

April 25, 2005

Placer County officials will hold a grand-opening ceremony Wednesday, May 4 for Doyle Ranch Park, a 2 ½-acre park located west of Roseville in the Dry Creek area.

The ceremony is scheduled to be held from 6 to 6:30 p.m. The park is located at 4814 Oreanna Court in the Legacy at Doyle Ranch residential neighborhood.

The park features basketball courts, a large tot-lot playground for young children, horseshoe pits, lawns and picnic areas. It is surrounded by bicycle, hiking and horseriding trails.

Legacy at Doyle Ranch is just west of Walerga Road south of Baseline Road.

The public is invited to attend the grand-opening ceremony. Refreshments will be served.

Scheduled speakers include Bill Santucci of the Placer County Board of Supervisors. He represents the 1st District, which includes Roseville and the Dry Creek area.

Also scheduled to speak is Tom Miller, the county's long-time facility services director. He recently was named to be the first director of the county's new Community Development Resource Agency.

During the ceremony, Dave Kalemba of Pulte Homes and John Procida of Procida Landscape will be recognized for constructing the park.



#### **Need and Tips to Stop Underage Drinking**

April 22, 2005

Alcohol abuse continues to be a critical public health issue in America, according to Placer County Health Officer Dr. Richard Burton.

The county's Health and Human Services Substance Abuse Prevention Program is joining national efforts to celebrate alcohol awareness month, noting that each day in the United States, more than 7000 kids under the age of 16 take their first drink, and alcohol use is increasing.

In 2003 the California State Office of Traffic Safety reported that 292 individuals were killed or injured in Placer County in alcohol-related traffic accidents, with 37 of these victims under 21 years of age. Alcohol abuse plays a major role in sexual assaults, date rapes, and unprotected sex among teens and college students. Statistically, about 40% of those who drink before the age of 15 later develop alcohol abuse or dependence. Binge drinking, not alcoholism, is the most common form of underage drinking.

The issue of underage drinking is a complex problem. "The best solutions involve sustained and cooperative efforts between parents, schools, community leaders, and youth," Dr. Burton says. He notes that three steps have proven to be helpful in the prevention of underage drinking:

- Reducing the availability of alcohol;
- Consistently enforcing existing laws and regulations; and
- Changing cultural misconceptions and behaviors through education.

Education and strong parental supervision can help prevent underage and excessive drinking. Parents can teach their children important facts and values around drinking such as:

• Abstinence from alcohol is an acceptable lifelong decision. Alcohol use does not have to be a rite of passage. Always respect another person's decision not to drink.

- Drinking too much too fast can kill a person. Alcohol poisoning is a common drug overdose. Intervene when friends drink too much.
- Children should avoid situations where someone else's alcohol or drug use may put them in danger.

Parental behavior influences youth more than words alone. Parents who drink should set a healthy example regarding adult alcohol use. They should never brag about past or present use of alcohol or other drugs. Being a role model for responsible drinking is critically important. Moderate use is no more than two drinks per day for men, one for women.

For information on steps that families and local communities can take to prevent underage drinking contact Placer County Strengths and Assets Promotion at (530) 889-7179. Call Placer County Substance Abuse Services at (530) 889-7240 for information on community resources for alcohol intervention and treatment.

To receive information in the North Lake Tahoe area, contact the county at (530) 581-1924; for treatment, call Sierra Family Services (530) 581-4054.



#### **New Facility Services Director Appointed**

April 22, 2005

Jim Durfee has been appointed Placer County's Facility Services Director. His appointment by County Executive Officer Jan Christofferson was ratified Tuesday by the Board of Supervisors meeting in Kings Beach.

Durfee, who is a fourth-generation Placer County resident and a 20-year county employee, currently serves as Assistant Director of Facility Services. He also serves as Assistant Executive Director of both the Western Placer and the Placer-Nevada Waste Management Authorities. He has also held numerous other county posts, worked in the construction trades and owned a landscaping business.

Topping the list of challenges in his new position is the completion of the South Placer Justice Center in Roseville, the Auburn Justice Center and the Land Development Building, both located at the DeWitt Center in Auburn.

The Facility Services Department manages all county parks and grounds, six veterans memorial halls, facility construction and improvement, property management and oversight of two wastewater treatment facilities and numerous special districts. The department also provides staff support to the Western Placer Waste Management Authority and the Eastern Regional Landfill including two Materials Recovery Facilities. More than 200 employees work for Facility Services.

Durfee will replace Tom Miller who has been named Director of the new Community Development/Resource Agency.

"Jim's extensive background, his long history with the county and his strong leadership skills make him an ideal choice for this important position," said Jan Christofferson, County Executive Officer.

"I'm very excited about this new assignment," Durfee said. "Facility Services is one of the premier organizations within the County, and I'm honored to have the opportunity to lead

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this dynamic department at such an important time for the County."



### Juvenile Justice/Delinquency Prevention Commission Seeks Members

April 22, 2005

Judge Colleen Nichols, Presiding Judge of the Juvenile Court and Chairman of the Placer County Juvenile Justice/Delinquency Prevention Commission, announces applications are now being accepted for membership on the County's Commission. There are adult and juvenile vacancies on the Commission.

The law requires each county to have a citizen commission of seven to fifteen members and duties are set out under the Juvenile Court Law. The Delinquency Prevention Commissions are permissive under state law and their roles are primarily advisory in the area of delinquency prevention.

Placer County has chosen to combine the two bodies into a single Juvenile Justice/
Delinquency Prevention Commission. The Commission meets monthly, ten times during
the year. The Commission annually inspects publicly operated juvenile institutions and
inquire into the administration of juvenile justice within the county and make
recommendations for any changes seen as beneficial after such investigations. The
Commission also reviews applications by private and public agencies for grant funds to
operate delinquency prevention programs and may develop and present programs of their
own.

Any resident of Placer County interested in applying for membership on the Commission can call (530) 889-7900 or write for a membership application for the Commission, c/o Placer County Probation Department  $\ddot{Y}$  Attention: JJ/DP  $\ddot{Y}$  11564 C Avenue  $\ddot{Y}$  Auburn  $\ddot{Y}$  CA  $\ddot{Y}$  95603.

The applications will be reviewed by a committee of the Commission and perspective members will be interviewed. Recommendations will be made by the Commission to Judge Nichols who will review the applications and make the appropriate appointments. Applications should be received no later than May 16, 2005.

Completed applications should be addressed to JJ/DP, PO Box 5073, Auburn, CA 95604.



# Forestry Expert to Speak in Auburn, Carnelian Bay April 26

April 15, 2005

One of the nation's leading forestry experts will give a presentation titled "Solving the Wildlife Crisis: Tahoe and the Sierra" during appearances in Auburn and Carnelian Bay on Tuesday, April 26.

Dr. Thomas Bonnicksen will address the Placer County Board of Supervisors at 11 a.m. The meeting will take place in the county's Auburn administrative center, 175 Fulweiler Ave.

At 6 p.m., he will be the guest speaker at a community forum in Carnelian Bay sponsored by county Supervisor Bruce Kranz. It will be held in Garwood's Grill and Pier, 500 North Lake Blvd.

The public is invited to attend the community forum and the presentation to the Board of Supervisors.

"We are honored to have an expert like Dr. Bonnicksen visiting Placer County," Supervisor Kranz said. "His analysis of current forest conditions in the Lake Tahoe area is a wake-up call for us to do a better job maintaining a forest that is less at risk of forest fire.

"Our hearts go out to those in Southern California who lost so much in the fires. We have a duty to do our best to inform the public and support the efforts of our professional fire departments to avert similar catastrophes."

Supervisor Kranz represents the 5th District, which stretches from north Auburn to Lake Tahoe.

In January, Bonnicksen spoke to the governing board of the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency.

He is a visiting professor at the University of California at Davis and professor emeritus and former head of the forest science department at Texas A&M University.

Bonnicksen serves on the Scientific Advisory Board of the Forestry Foundation in Auburn, is a published author and is a former ranger with the National Park Service. He has been a member of several congressional fact-finding missions, including investigations of a 1988 fire in Yellowstone National Park and the 2003 wildfires in Southern California.

Bonnicksen has a bachelor's degree in forestry, master's degree in forest ecology and doctorate in forest policy, all from the University of California at Berkeley.



# Groundbreaking for Kings beach Parking Lot Set for April 18

April 11, 2005

The Placer County Board of Supervisors will hold a groundbreaking ceremony Monday, April 18 for a public parking lot the county plans to build in Kings Beach.

The ceremony will take place from 1:30 to 2 p.m. at the parking lot site. It's at 8445 Brook Ave. next to Bank of the West.

In case of bad weather, a tent will be put up on the site so the ceremony can still be held.

The 20-space lot is the first of many small "pocket" parking lots the county's redevelopment agency plans to develop in Kings Beach. The agency's efforts are a response to concern that commercial businesses do not have enough public parking to readily accommodate peak-season tourists. Additionally, the agency's parking lot program anticipates the revitalization of Highway 28 through Kings Beach.

Purchased by the county in 2003, the Brook Avenue site is considered a good spot for public parking because it's located right off of Highway 28 in central Kings Beach. Landacquisition and construction costs will total slightly under \$600,000.

The parking lot will be available for community events such as arts fairs and farmer's markets. It will be operated by the North Tahoe Public Utility District at no cost to the county.



### Supervisors to Review Workforce Housing Ordinance Monday

April 11, 2005

The Placer County Board of Supervisors will review a draft of the Employee Housing Ordinance during a meeting in Tahoe next Monday.

This ordinance is intended to provide workforce housing in the North Lake Tahoe area as new development generates the need for new workers. If approved, it would affect only the North LakeTahoe area and areas above Blue Canyon. A different ordinance, called the Inclusionary Housing Ordinance, is being developed for other parts of the county. The decision to develop two separate ordinances came as a result of public input two years ago.

The Board will review the ordinance on Monday, April 18 at 2:30 p.m. during its meeting at the North Tahoe Conference Center, 8318 North Lake Blvd. in Kings Beach. Staff has requested that the Board provide direction and ask staff to hold an additional public workshop prior to bringing the ordinance back for Board consideration at the next Tahoe meeting.

In a nutshell, the proposed Employee Housing Ordinance would require new development to provide for employee housing equal to at least 50 percent of the housing demand generated by the project. The employee generation factor includes employees hired directly by the project, such as maintenance workers, managers and security guards, and also includes workers hired by others as an indirect result of the project, such as housekeepers, retail clerks and public service workers.

The ordinance would require developers to construct employee housing on-site or off-site, dedicate land for needed units or pay an in-lieu fee.

Employee housing is considered vital in the Tahoe Basin because it helps people live and work in the same community, reduces traffic congestion and minimizes the impacts on the

environment and on neighboring communities.

The extreme need for more affordable housing in Tahoe has been documented by numerous studies. A recent county study established that 92 percent of new employee households are likely to qualify as "very low", "low" or "moderate income" earners at a time when housing prices in the Basin have risen beyond the means of many.

Another study shows that more than half - 54 percent - of those new employee households are likely to earn less than \$28,850, the state definition for "very low-income households."

Workshops with the public and other stakeholders regarding the proposed ordinance have generated considerable discussion about exemptions and the concern that the ordinance not discourage residential development or unduly affect small business owners. The majority opinion of workshop participants was that major development should be held to a higher standard than smaller projects. A complete copy of the draft ordinance, which includes provisions for exemptions, requirements and options for residential and non-residential projects of varying sizes, in-lieu fees and incentives, is available on the County web site.



# Facility Services Director Tom Miller to Head Up New Agency

April 1, 2005

The Placer County Board of Supervisors named Facility Services Director Thomas M. Miller to manage a new agency that will oversee the county's review process for land-development projects.

Board members voted unanimously at a recent meeting to create the new agency after briefly discussing what it should be named. The board settled on the Community Development/Resource Agency after discarding the name proposed initially: the Land Use and Resource Agency.

The agency is part of the county's ongoing efforts to improve its review process for development projects proposed in unincorporated areas. The goal is to continue improving customer service by providing more centralized leadership and coordination in the review process.

County Executive Officer Jan Christofferson selected Miller to serve as the agency's director and the board ratified her decision.

"Tom is a very good leader with a broad range of experience in county government," Christofferson said. "He will provide the centralized leadership that will allow the county to continue improving its development-review process while dealing with an era of unprecedented growth in Placer County. Tom will play a vital role in help coordinating the county's review of the two university projects and other major developments proposed for West Placer."

Miller took over as Placer County's facility services director in 1999 after serving as acting county administrative officer and director of transportation and sanitation for Nevada County. He has an extensive public works and planning experience from stints in Nevada and Trinity Counties.

"I'm honored to be selected the agency's first director, and look forward to the challenges that lie ahead as we consolidate our land-development services into one cohesive organization," Miller said. "We have already made considerable progress, and are fortunate to have an experienced, talented staff who are committed to helping make this work."

At the meeting, the board approved a phasing plan that calls for the new agency initially to oversee the Building and Planning departments. The agency also will be responsible during the initial phase for handling environmental review of projects and for coordinating review of the largest, most complex development proposals facing the county.

Directors of the Building and Planning departments will report to Miller in his role as agency director.

The county plans to immediately launch a recruitment drive to find a replacement for long-time Planner Director Fred Yeager. He plans to retire in late August after almost 33 years of county service and 16 years as planning director. In later phases over the next few months, employees who do development-review work in other departments such as Public Works and Facility Services will be brought in under the agency's umbrella.

"This reorganization makes huge sense in the face of the challenges before Placer County," board Chairman Robert Weygandt said.

"If the Board of Supervisors can define a build-out vision that both defines where and how new communities should be built while at the same time where and how open space and natural resources should be protected, this new organization structure will most efficiently serve that vision for our citizens."

The county launched its improvement program for the development-review process in 2002.

Since then, a new computer system has been added to better track the progress of land use permits, transition teams have been busy identifying ways to make the review process more efficient, use of Geographic Information Systems has been increased, and the plancheck system has been improved by requiring fewer submittals and using consultants as needed to expedite the process.

A new 97,400-square-foot building now under construction at the DeWitt Center will consolidate the land-development services in one location. They currently are spread among several departments housed in separate buildings. A transition team is recommending creation of a project management system that would include an

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ombudsman for small to medium-sized projects.

Consolidating development-review departments in one agency is partly a response to the rapid growth in Placer County, which has significantly increased the demand for the departments' services. The agency model is based on successful consolidation approaches used by other counties and cities in California.



### Land Use and Resource Agency To Be Considered

March 24, 2005

The Placer County Board of Supervisors will be asked Tuesday to create a Land Use and Resource Agency as part of an ongoing drive to improve the county's review process for land-development projects in the unincorporated area.

The new agency's goal would be to continue improving customer service through a more centralized leadership than currently exists.

The County launched the land development improvement process in 2002. Since then, a new computer system has been added to track the progress of land use permits. A new land development building under construction at the DeWitt Center will bring all land use services into one location instead of a series of buildings. Following meetings with the public, a staff transition team is recommending further improvements to environmental review and other processes.

Initially, the new agency would encompass the responsibilities of the Building and Planning departments. Shortly thereafter, other land use planning functions provided by other departments, such as for parks and sewers, will be added.

Under the proposal, a Land Use and Resource Agency Director would be appointed to oversee management of the largest and most complex development proposals. Directors of the Building and Planning departments would report to this new agency head.

Also, a Project Management/Environmental Review Coordinator would be appointed to assure consistency and help maintain standards of review, both for projects in the community and public projects undertaken by the County.

The proposal comes at a time when unprecedented growth in the county, particularly university and housing proposals for the West Placer area, could move that area toward

much more urbanization. Responding to the impacts of growth in the cities and the need to evaluate a number of critical land use proposals have greatly stretched the need for additional land use service resources.

"By centralizing leadership, we take the next step to strengthen our ability to provide quality public service to meet the increasing demands for land development services," Christofferson said.

"This reorganization will benefit everyone involved in land development, from people seeking large developments to families wanting to build homes on undeveloped lots.

"A number of cities and other counties in California have consolidated land-development functions into one agency and have experienced success with that model."

Before embarking on the changes, the county conducted a study of other land development departments and agencies, interviewed stakeholders and held focus group meetings. Key staff participated in transition teams to recommend how to implement change.

Tuesday's proposal will be followed with other recommendations from the transition team, particularly as the new land development building is completed early next year. Among the recommendations are a plan to integrate counter services and a project management system that includes ombudsmen for small to medium-sized projects.

The land use agency item will be considered at 11 a.m. during the Board of Supervisors meeting at the County Administrative Center, 175 Fulweiler Ave., in Auburn.



### Core Group Forming for Ponderosa Fire Safe Council

March 30, 2005

The creation of a seven-member Core Group for the Ponderosa Fire Safe Council (PFSC) has been approved by Placer County, the City of Colfax, and the Placer Hills Fire Protection District.

The Core Group will give the PFSC the stable and ongoing structure it needs to remain viable and carry out its mission of educating residents and businesses about being safe from wildfire.

#### The PFSC Core Group consists of:

- Three members appointed by the County Board of Supervisors one from the unincorporated area surrounding the City of Colfax, one from the Meadow Vista community, and one from the Placer Hills Fire Protection District area outside Meadow Vista (Weimar, Applegate, Clipper Gap or Eden Valley). These members must live or own a business within the Ponderosa Fire Safe Council planning area.
- Two members appointed by the City of Colfax, who must live or own a business within the city limits
- The CDF Battalion Chief for the Colfax Area and the Placer Hills Fire Protection District Chief
- Colfax City Fire has a seat at its option

Terms are for two years, except that for the initial appointments, one member each from the County and City will have one-year terms.

Colfax residents wishing to be appointed to the PFSC Core Group can obtain applications at Colfax City Hall. Residents wishing to be appointed by the County will find forms available at the Clerk of the Board's Office at 175 Fulweiler Ave. in Auburn, <u>or online</u>. (See below for information on PDF documents.)

The PFSC covers the area from Secret Town on the north to Clipper Gap on the south and between the Bear and North Fork of the American River. The entire region, including the City of Colfax, is rated as a Very High Fire Hazard by CDF.

While wildfire is a constant threat in this area, the impact of wildfire can be reduced if appropriate actions are taken in advance, such as creating defensible space around all structures and constructing shaded fuel breaks.

"In the past, the Ponderosa Fire Safe Council has taken a strong, proactive approach to educating the public about the dangers of wildfire and their need to take preventive action on their property," said Bruce Kranz, District 5 Supervisor. "I commend the efforts of these volunteers, and look forward to working with PFSC in this critically-important work."

During the past five years, the PFSC has assisted the Placer County Fire Safe Alliance in developing a Community Fire Safe Plan for the Foothills, has held a fire safe construction workshop, has worked with the City of Colfax to acquire a grant to create a shaded fuel break for the PFSC area and provided community outreach on wildfire safety in many forums.

The PFSC works in partnership with the Bureau of Land Management, the U.S. Forest Service, the Placer County Resource Conservation District, the Placer County Water Agency, the Placer County Planning Department, and the Placer County Office of Emergency Services.

There are more than 100 fire safe councils throughout California, and five active councils in Placer County. Local councils include the Tahoe Regional Fire Safe Council, the Iowa Hill Fire Safe Council, the Foresthill Fire Safe Council and the Greater Auburn Fire Safe Council in addition to the Ponderosa FSC. For more information see <a href="www.firesafecouncil.org">www.firesafecouncil.org</a>.

"I have worked with the Ponderosa Fire Safe Council since becoming the local CDF Battalion Chief four years ago. These dedicated volunteers are invaluable to the fire service with regard to getting out the fire safety message," said Jeff Brand, California Dept. of Forestry Battalion Chief for the Colfax/Alta Area, also serving as Fire Chief for the City of Colfax.

"I am pleased to be able to assist and work with the fire safe council in order to improve the safety of our public," said Ian Gow, Fire Chief for the Placer Hills Fire Protection District." "The partnership represents a strong collaboration effort that will improve the fire safety of the entire area," noted Colfax City Manager Bob Perrault.

The Agreement is available for viewing at Colfax City Hall, the Placer County Clerk's Office, and Placer Hills Fire Protection District Station 1 in Meadow Vista.

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# Planning Commission to Review Latest Draft of Foresthill Plan April 14

March 21, 2005

The Placer County Planning Commission will meet in Foresthill Thursday, April 14 to hold a public hearing on the latest draft of the proposed Foresthill Divide Community Plan.

The meeting will be held at 6 p.m. in the <u>Foresthill Veterans Memorial Hall</u>, 24601 Harrison Road.

During the meeting, commissioners will review a Planning Department evaluation of the latest plan, proposed changes to the plan's text, and requests from property owners for land-use density changes.

The commission also will discuss Forest Ranch, a residential and golf course project proposed for 2,615 acres north of Foresthill, and whether the project should be processed concurrently with the community plan.

To help keep the public up to date on the Foresthill planning efforts, the Planning Department has posted a copy of the draft community plan and other documents on its Web site at www.placer.ca.gov/planning.

The new plan will update a community plan adopted in 1981, and will guide the physical, social and economic development of the 109-square-mile Foresthill area for the next 20 years. It has sections dealing with population and housing, land use, community design, public facilities, parks and recreation, transportation and circulation, natural resources, cultural resources and air quality.

On Jan. 27, the commission decided to support an alternative to a draft community plan it reviewed last year. The alternative plan is supported by the Foresthill Forum, a county advisory council.

The alternative plan generally would retain present-day zoning on all properties in the community plan area, except in the downtown area and the Forest Ranch site. In the downtown, it would change existing zoning by allowing mixed-use projects with both housing and commercial businesses.

Currently, 533 acres of the Forest Ranch site is zoned for one-acre residential lots, and the rest of the site is zoned as forestland. The alternative community plan backed by the Foresthill Forum would allow the same number of residential lots as the current zoning, but would permit the housing to be spread across 1,200 acres of the site.

On its Web site, the Planning Department has:

- A copy of the draft community plan;
- A draft environmental impact report on the plan;
- A zoning map for the proposed alternative plan; and
- A list of requests from property owners for land-use density changes.

To reach the Foresthill documents, go first to the department home page at www.placer.ca. gov/planning. Scroll down the home page, then click on the block on the left side of the page labeled "Selected Development Projects List." When a new page appears, scroll down and click on "Draft Foresthill Divide Community Plan."

The zoning map that depicts the alternative plan is labeled "Proposed Zoning 2-6." The map is in Portable Document Format. To read a PDF document, you need the <u>free Adobe Acrobat Reader PDF software</u> on your computer. If you don't have it installed, you may <u>download it from the Adobe website.</u> Adobe provides detailed instructions on downloading and installing its free PDF reader.

Full-size prints of the draft zoning map are posted at the Foresthill Branch Library, Foresthill Public Utility District, Foresthill Messenger and Worton's Market and in the lobby of the Planning Department at the DeWitt Center.

Free copies of the map are available on CD, and printed copies cost \$25 plus shipping.

For more information, contact the Planning Department at 530-886-3000. That telephone number also is for property owners with questions about how the draft plan would affect their properties.



#### **Economic Development Leaders Honored During Summit Friday**

March 18, 2005

The top manager at the Placer County Transportation Planning Agency, two hospital executives and a business owner renowned for renovating old buildings in Colfax won major awards at the 2005 Placer County Economic Development Summit Friday.

During the annual breakfast meeting, each was honored for outstanding contributions to economic development in the county. The awards program is sponsored by the Placer County Economic Development Board.

The board gave its Public Sector Award to Celia McAdam, the transportation planning agency's executive director.

One of two Private Sector Awards was shared by the hospital executives: Patrick R. Brady, chief executive officer at Sutter Roseville Medical Center, and Ed Glavis, a senior vice president and area manager for Kaiser Permanente who is based at Kaiser's medical center in Roseville.

The other Private Sector Award went to Gary Todd, owner of Todd's Excavating & Real Estate Development.

Also honored with a major award was the Formica Corp. production plant in Rocklin.

The Business Advantage Network named the plant Employer of the Year for hiring veterans and people with diverse backgrounds and using an environmentally friendly manufacturing process that emphasizes air quality and waste management.

The network is a coalition of government and nonprofit agencies involved in jobdevelopment work. McAdam was nominated for the Public Sector Award by Rocklin City Councilmember Kathy Lund.

"Celia has provided much of the leadership needed to improve the transportation network in Placer County," Lund said in a nominating letter, emphasizing that transportation improvements and economic development go together hand in hand.

Lund saluted McAdam specifically for helping:

- Set up the South Placer Regional Transportation Agency;
- Maintain flexibility for routing the Placer Parkway, a road that someday will link Highway 65 with Highways 99 and 70 in Sutter County; and
- Improve intercity rail service in Placer County.

Acting on behalf of the city of Roseville, Councilmember John Allard nominated the two hospital executives.

"Mr. Brady and Mr. Glavis are being submitted for a co-award, as both have made significant contributions to the economic development and quality of life for Roseville and Placer County," Allard wrote in his nominating letter.

He noted the two men have overseen expansion of their Roseville medical centers, emphasizing that both facilities are among the most important employers in Placer County and will be key forces in the county's future economic growth.

Brady serves on Roseville's Economic Development Steering Committee and Glavis has served on the board of director for the Sacramento Area Commerce and Trade Organization.

The city of Colfax Economic Development Commission nominated Todd, a Colfax native.

He was honored primarily for renovating an 1880s freight depot and turning it into four retail spaces, but he also has spearheaded several other projects that have helped revitalize the city economically. Todd, for example, also renovated an old Grange building in Colfax for use by two businesses.

"Perhaps the best thing about Gary Todd is this: when he decides to take on a project, he gives it his complete and undivided attention not only throughout the construction stage, but well beyond into the operations phase," the Colfax commission said. "He has an eye for what will and what won't work in Colfax. He is truly a town benefactor."

Established in 1966, the Rocklin plant is the largest Formica facility in the U.S. and Canada, with approximately 500,000 square feet of production and warehouse space. It employs about 375 people from many cultures, priding itself on diversity.

The plant also contributed to tsunami relief efforts, supports sports leagues and contributes to school causes.



#### **County Planning Director to Retire**

March 17, 2005

Placer County Planning Director Fred Yeager has announced his plan to retire in late August, capping nearly 33 years of county service.

When he began as an assistant planner in 1972, the county was rural, home to about 81,000 people. Today, with more than 300,000 people, Placer County ranks as the second fastest growing county in the state on a percentage basis, and is tied for sixth in the nation for job growth, the only California county to make the top 10 list.

Today, despite the changes, Yeager still enjoys coming to work and has seen Placer's tremendous geographic diversity both as a great challenge and a great pleasure throughout his career.

"We have it all," he said, "agriculture, ski resorts, cities and smaller communities, the Sierra, North Lake Tahoe, the foothills, urban, rural and suburban. From a planner's perspective, it's been really energizing and really fun."

After a brief stint at the state, Yeager came to the county as an assistant planner working with parks, with a small office in the Domes.

He was appointed planning director in 1989, a job he's held for 16 years. During his tenure, the population of the unincorporated area has more than doubled. The Granite Bay Community Plan has built out about 80 percent. The 1994 Placer County General Plan was adopted and plans for Kings Beach, Tahoe City, Granite Bay, Horseshoe Bar/Penryn, Dry Creek, Auburn/Bowman, Martis Valley and the Sunset Industrial Area were completed.

Under his leadership the Planning Department has also won numerous awards, ranging from American Planning Association awards for two community plans, a county Economic Development Award, and the Governor's Environmental and Economic Leadership Award in 2002 for Placer Legacy.

"The County has experienced huge change during Fred's tenure as planning director," noted Board of Supervisors Chairman Robert Weygandt. "He has been an outstanding contributor to our innovative, cutting-edge programs such as Placer Legacy, the Placer County Conservation Plan now being developed, and the memorandum of understanding developed with the United Auburn Indian Community, which is considered one of the finest in the nation.

"The quality of planning in our County and the resulting quality of life clearly reflect why so many find Placer such a desirable place to live."

Reflecting on his time with the County, Yeager is proudest of the fact that Placer County has been successful in developing long range plans and policies and laying the groundwork ahead of development. "This has enabled our Board of Supervisors to implement their plan for development as it occurs, making modifications if necessary, rather than reviewing incoming development proposals and simply reacting to them."

Yeager believes that citizen involvement has been a key to the county's success. "Citizens have helped develop their community plans, deciding how their community should grow," he said. "They have been very proud and protective of those plans."

He also takes great pride in the balance the county has so far achieved in resource protection.

"Our advance planning process is unusual, and has been a great strength as the County grows," he said. "I hope that the policies, programs and planning concepts our Board has put in place will be continued, monitored and improved upon, not reversed."

He's proud of the relationships he's developed with the community, and has always returned all his own calls despite the heavy workload. Not surprisingly, he expects to miss the daily contact with his co-workers and the many friends he's made in the community.

In retirement, Yeager and his wife Denise hope to spend more time vacationing on the West Coast and enjoying their four children and eight grandchildren. He'll play golf to relax.

"I've enjoyed working with Fred the last 14 years as a Planning Commissioner and Supervisor," Supervisor Weygandt said. "For selfish reasons I would have preferred Fred to stay at least until I retired, but I wish him and Denise the best of luck. Fred deserves it and the people of Placer owe him a huge thank you."



# Resident with Deep Tahoe Roots Hired by County Executive Office

March 15, 2005

An Agate Bay resident who has spent the last 15 years working on behalf of North Lake Tahoe's interests has been hired to represent the Placer County Executive Office at the North Shore.

Jennifer Merchant will serve as County Executive Officer Jan Christofferson's main representative at North Lake Tahoe in her new job as a county principal management analyst.

"We are very excited about bringing Jennifer on board, because she is an outstanding manager with an impressive track record representing public and nonprofit organizations in North Lake Tahoe," Christofferson said. "Jennifer's record clearly demonstrates she has the community's best interests at heart. She will work well with the Tahoe team we already have in place responding to the community's unique needs."

In her new job, Merchant will replace Grayson W. Marshall Jr., who retired last year.

"This job is a great opportunity for me to use the leadership skills I've developed over my 15 years at North Lake Tahoe," she said. "I look forward to making a difference by helping the county maintain clear lines of communication with local residents, businesses, and property owners."

Since 1997, Merchant has been executive director of the Truckee-North Tahoe Transportation Management Association, a nonprofit public-private organization committed to developing programs that reduce congestion and air pollution while meeting the area's transportation needs.

She worked for the North Lake Tahoe Resort Association and its predecessor organizations from 1993-97, serving first as special events coordinator and later as media

relations director.

She represented the Placer County Board of Supervisors at North Lake Tahoe from 1991-93. In that job, she was Tahoe field deputy for Mike Fluty, the 5th District supervisor at the time.

At North Lake Tahoe, Merchant has worked with public agencies, special districts, business groups, homeowner associations, land developers, environmental groups, and single-issue coalitions.

She was appointed by both the Clinton and Bush administrations to serve on the Lake Tahoe Federal Advisory Committee, which advises the federal government on issues related to the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency's Environmental Improvement Program.



#### Public Comments Sought on Scope of Environmental Review

March 4, 2005

This is a joint news release of Placer County and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

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Placer County and the Service are preparing a joint EIR/EIS on proposed Habitat Conservation Plan and Natural Community Conservation Plan for western Placer County, California

Residents, landowners, businesses and public agencies can obtain information and offer comments at three public meetings this month on a fledgling conservation plan. Phase 1 would encompass most of the unincorporated, undeveloped areas of western Placer County, CA. Phases 2 and 3, which would cover other parts of the county, would be reviewed later.

Placer County and its partner agencies – the Placer County Water Agency, the Placer County Transportation Planning Agency, and the City of Lincoln – are in the early stages of preparing a Habitat Conservation Plan under the Federal Endangered Species Act and a Natural Community Conservation Plan under the California Natural Community Conservation Planning Act.

The conservation plan, which could encompass more than 200,000 acres in western Placer County, would serve as a roadmap to protect sensitive species in areas where development is taking place. The plan would outline a strategy to protect key habitat areas -- and funding mechanisms to manage those areas in perpetuity -- while allowing development to proceed.

Collectively, the HCP and NCCP, along with an aquatic resources program currently under preparation, will form the Placer County Conservation Plan, providing comprehensive regional resource conservation along with economic development and the continuation of agriculture in western Placer County. This planning process is being initiated by the Placer County agencies on a voluntary basis, with the assistance of state and Federal agencies.

The workshops, jointly organized by Placer County and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, will give interested parties a chance to comment on the scope of the conservation plan and an associated environmental review.

#### The three sessions will be:

- Tuesday, March 15, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the City of Roseville's Corporation Yard, Rooms 2 and 3, at 2005 Hilltop Circle, Roseville, CA, 95747.
- Wednesday, March 16, from 6 pm to 8 pm, at the Placer County Planning Commission Chambers, 11414 B Ave., Auburn, CA, 95603.
- Thursday, March 17, from 7:30 pm to 9:30 pm, at the City of Lincoln's McBean Pavilion, 65 McBean Park Drive, Lincoln, CA, 95648.

Phase 1 of the proposed Placer County Conservation Plan would cover an area bordered on the north by Yuba and Nevada Counties, on the west by Sutter County, on the south by Sacramento County, and on the east by the upper boundaries of watersheds that contain the eastern limits of the City of Auburn. The cities of Roseville, Rocklin, Loomis, and Auburn, and their designated growth areas, would not be included.

"Creating a Placer County Conservation Plan (PCCP) would define where and how open space is managed by specifically planning how we protect and manage our habitat and natural areas," said Placer County Supervisor Robert Weygandt.

"If approved, the PCCP will increase local control and simplify land development permitting, while ensuring compliance with federal and state regulation. As a result, we will maximize the value of our natural resources as a quality amenity available to our residents," he added. "The PCCP is an essential tool enabling us to build a vision that ultimately preserves the open and rural character of Placer County."

"We are pleased that Placer County is moving ahead with a Habitat Conservation Plan for its rapidly growing western region," said Wayne White, supervisor of the Fish and Wildlife Service's Sacramento office. "This plan will provide important benefits for the community, landowners and development interests, and for our natural resources."

The HCP/PCCP could outline conservation measures for up to 34 species, eight of which

are Federally listed -- the bald eagle, the California red-legged frog, the California tiger salamander, steelhead trout, the giant garter snake, vernal pool fairy shrimp, vernal pool tadpole shrimp, and the valley elderberry longhorn beetle.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is the lead federal agency for the preparation of the Environmental Impact Statement under National Environmental Policy Act. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the National Marine Fisheries Service (NOAA Fisheries) are cooperating Federal agencies. Placer County is the lead local agency for the preparation of the Environmental Impact Report under the California Environmental Quality Act. Cooperating state agencies include the California Department of Fish and Game and the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board.



# County Says It Needs More Information on Planned Asphalt Plant

February 25, 2005

County Counsel's Opinion - web page | PDF file

Placer County officials announced today they need additional information before they can decide whether a temporary asphalt plant may begin operations at the Chevreaux quarry in Meadow Vista.

Unless Teichert Construction provides the requested information, it may need to obtain asphalt from another location. County Counsel Anthony La Bouff provided an opinion to county Planning Director Fred Yeager today recommending that additional information be requested from Teichert to document that its plant would comply with conditions in the quarry's use permit. La Bouff also called into question the validity of the existing use permit for nighttime operations.

"I have consistently stated that this project will need all the legal permits before the county would allow it to proceed," said 5th District Supervisor Bruce Kranz, who represents the Meadow Vista area. "County Counsel has determined that the contractors have not yet demonstrated that it is in compliance with the conditions of its permits."

Kranz continued, "I have always believed that legitimate businesses have the right to do their work, as long as they comply with all laws and regulations. This case is no different. Until the county is satisfied that the Chevreaux site is fully permitted, this proposal cannot operate there."

Teichert Construction has been hired by the California Department of Transportation to improve 19 miles of Interstate 80 between Highway 193 in Newcastle and Highway 174 in Colfax, and has proposed using the quarry as a temporary asphalt plant while it replaces the freeway's old pavement. That part of the project is scheduled to get under way in April.

When the freeway improvement project is completed, motorists will enjoy smoother, quieter, safer rides. The project also was designed to prevent water from pooling on the freeway during storms.

In 1972, Placer County issued a permit authorizing Chevreaux to operate a rock quarry alongside the Bear River in Meadow Vista. The County Counsel's Office was asked by Planning Director Yeager to review whether the 1972 permit gives Teichert and Chevreaux the legal authority to establish a temporary asphalt plant at the quarry.

Supervisor Kranz has emphasized the freeway improvements are important to the entire 5th District, saying his desire is to have Interstate 80 repaired as soon as possible.

"I continue to be very concerned that any delays will further compromise public safety and could potentially jeopardize the state funds that have been allocated for this effort," he said. "I hope there will be a way for the work to get done on schedule while ensuring that the public is protected according to the law."

Meadow Vista residents will get an opportunity to discuss the issue further at a meeting of the Meadow Vista Municipal Advisory Council to be held Thursday, March 3. The meeting will take place at 7:15 p.m. in the gymnasium at Placer Hills School, 16801 Placer Hills Road.



# Indian Gaming Local Benefit Committee To Begin 2005 Grant Process

February 22, 2005

Beginning on Tuesday, March 1, Placer County's Indian Gaming Local Community Benefit Committee (LCBC) will begin accepting applications for grants to local government agencies to mitigate impacts associated with tribal gaming.

Applications and additional information are available on the Placer County web site, www.placer.ca.gov. Agencies may also call the Placer County Executive Office at 530-889-4042. Applications must be submitted by 5 p.m. April 1, 2005.

The grant funds will come from the Indian Gaming Special Distribution Fund established by the State and are based on an assessment on tribal gaming machines that were in place prior to 1999. In Placer County, grant funding this year is expected to total about \$380,000.

The LCBC, in conjunction with the United Auburn Indian Community (UAIC), will recommend to the State Controller's Office what grant funds should be awarded. Priorities for funding have been established by the state, and include such things as law enforcement, fire services, emergency medical services, environmental impacts, youth programs, health, water supplies, waste disposal and roads. The County, its local cities and special districts within the County and impacted by tribal gaming are eligible to apply.

On February 7, during the LCBC's first meeting of 2005, Rocklin City Councilmember Brett Storey was elected chairman. Other committee members include county Supervisors Robert Weygandt and Bruce Kranz, Roseville City Councilmember Rocky Rockholm, Lincoln City Councilmember Ray Sprague, UAIC Tribal Chairperson Jessica Tavares, and Julie Huff, the UAIC Tribal Vice Chairperson who was elected as LCBC Vice Chair for 2005.



### Placer County to Receive \$576,000 from HUD for Homeless Services

Feb. 16, 2005

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development awarded two grants totaling more than \$576,000 recently for programs that serve Placer County's homeless population.

The grant funds will be used by Placer County's Adult System of Care to provide rent subsidies to mentally ill homeless individuals and their families through two programs: Shelter Plus Care and Permanent Supportive Housing. The first program will receive \$282,960 and the second will get \$293,282.

The county will provide support services for rent-subsidy recipients through the Adult System of Care, a division of the county's Health and Human Services Department. The programs seek to provide permanent housing that participants will be able to maintain after the subsidies end.

This is the second consecutive year HUD has awarded Shelter Plus Care grant funding and the third consecutive year for Permanent Supportive Housing.

Placer County's grant applications were submitted by the Placer Consortium on Homelessness and Affordable Housing (PCOH), a coalition with more than 80 representatives from nonprofits groups, faith-based organizations, government agencies, businesses and the homeless population. Both Placer County and the city of Roseville are part of the coalition.

HUD reported that PCOH's applications were the highest rated among six continuum-ofcare applications submitted by agencies throughout the Sacramento region this year.

The coalition is in the process of developing a 10-year plan for ending homelessness in Placer County. Its ultimate goal is to provide a continuum of care featuring a

comprehensive range of services for homeless residents, as well as programs aimed at preventing homelessness.

The HUD funds are continuum-of-care grants that require communities to have effective collaborative groups such as the PCOH to plan and provide services aimed at eventually ending homelessness.

"Serving the homeless is truly a team effort in Placer County," said Human Services Director Cindy Woodyard of the county Health and Human Services Department. "That teamwork was a big reason HUD looked favorably upon PCOH's applications, and will serve us well as we continue our efforts to eventually end homelessness."

A variety of services currently are offered to the homeless in Placer County, including emergency shelter through the Gathering Inn and motel vouchers, transitional housing with support services, and programs designed to meet other basic needs.



### **Supervisor's Forum Planned for February 22**

Feb. 14, 2005

Placer County Supervisor Bruce Kranz and Senator Dave Cox will host a Supervisors Forum on Tuesday, Feb. 22 at Sunnyside Resort.

Residents and business personnel are invited to enjoy appetizers at 6 p.m. Supervisor Kranz will provide an update on county issues and Senator Cox will describe current actions in the State Capitol. Guests will also have a chance to ask questions and share issues with their elected representatives.

Sunnyside Resort is located at 1850 West Lake Blvd. in Tahoe City.



#### Not Too Late to Receive Flu Vaccination

Feb. 14, 2005

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Flu shots are available through the county's community clinics without an appointment, and there are no shortage-related restrictions. Shots cost \$10.

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Shots are also available at county clinics in Roseville and Auburn.

According to Placer County Health and Human Services, getting flu shots is particularly important for the following groups:

- Adults at least 50 years old;
- Individuals with chronic medical conditions such as asthma or diabetes, and people who come into close contact with them;
- Women who will be pregnant during influenza season, and their close contacts;
- Residents of nursing homes or long-term care facilities, and their close contacts;
- Babies 6 to 23 months old and their families;
- Anyone who lives with or cares for infants younger than six months or seniors at least 65 years old;
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For more information, call Health and Human Services at 530-546-1970.



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For more information, call Health and Human Services at 530-546-1970 in Tahoe, 533-889-7215 in Auburn, or 916-784-6444 in Roseville.





# County Has Vacancies on Penryn, Horseshoe Bar Advisory Groups

Feb. 2, 2005

The Placer County Board of Supervisors is looking for people interested in serving on advisory bodies that represent Penryn and unincorporated areas around Loomis.

Both the Penryn Area Advisory Council and Horseshoe Bar Municipal Advisory Council currently have one vacancy. Members of both advisory bodies are unpaid volunteers who serve two-year terms.

No deadline has been set for applications, but supervisors hope to fill the vacancies soon.

Commonly known as MACs, the county's 13 advisory councils advise the Board of Supervisors on issues of public interest in unincorporated areas. MACs are charged with gathering public comment on a range of topics, including land use, public works, recreation, law enforcement and public health and safety.

MACs also hear reports from fire, law enforcement and other public agencies as requested, and residents often bring items of interest to MACs.

A MAC member must be a property owner or business owner or manager within the area served by the MAC.

The Penryn Area Advisory Council is a five-member body that normally meets at 7 p.m. on the fourth Tuesday of January and every second month thereafter. Meetings take place in Penryn Elementary School.

The five-member Horseshoe Bar MAC is a five-member body that meets at 7 p.m. on the third Tuesday of January and every second month thereafter. Meetings are held in the Loomis Library.

"As a new member of the Board of Supervisors, I plan to listen carefully to what the MACs have to say," said 3rd District Supervisor Jim Holmes. "They help me stay in touch with what my constituents are thinking, and are a great way for community members to have their voices heard on important issues."

The 3rd District includes Auburn, Ophir, Newcastle, Penryn, Loomis and part of Rocklin.

For application forms or more information, call the Clerk of the Board's Office at 530-889-4020.

Application forms also are available on the county's web site. To get an online application, click on the icon for forms, permits and applications near the top of the county's home page and, when a new page appears, click on the icon for commission and committee applications at the right side of the page.

Completed applications should be delivered to the Clerk of the Board's Office in person, by mail or by fax. The office is located at 175 Fulweiler Ave. in Auburn. The mailing address is 175 Fulweiler Ave., Auburn, CA 95603. The fax number is 530-889-4099.



### Indian Gaming Local Community Benefit Committee to Meet

February 1, 2005

The Placer County Indian Gaming Local Community Benefit Committee (LCBC) will meet on Monday, February 7 to plan for this year's grant cycle.

As required by state law, the committee was formed last year to award grant funds to local government agencies from the Indian Gaming Distribution Fund, and established to help offset impacts associated with tribal gaming. In 2005, the grants funds available to Placer County agencies are estimated at \$382,000.

Members of the committee include Placer County Supervisors Bruce Kranz and Robert Weygandt, Lincoln council member Ray Sprague, Rocklin Mayor Brett Storey, Roseville council member Rocky Rockholm, and United Auburn Indian Community representatives Jessica Tavares and Julie Huff.

The committee will meet at 5:30 p.m. Monday, February 7, at the Materials Recovery Facility, 3033 Fiddyment Road, near Roseville. <u>Information will available on the Placer</u> County Web site.



# Placer County Seeking to Fill Vacancies on Tahoe Area Municipal Advisory Councils

Jan. 24, 2005

Placer County is accepting applications from community members interested in serving on municipal advisory councils that represent North Tahoe and Squaw Valley.

At the request of new 5th District Supervisor Bruce Kranz, the Board of Supervisors agreed Jan. 18 to have all members of MACs in his district vacate their positions immediately. The county is now seeking applications from community members interested in filling the vacancies for two-year terms. People who held the vacated positions are welcome to reapply.

The 5th District stretches from north Auburn to Lake Tahoe.

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The nine-member North Tahoe Regional Advisory Council represents such communities as Kings Beach, Carnelian Bay, Tahoe Vista, Tahoe City and Homewood. It meets at 6 p. m. on the second Thursday of each month. Meeting locations vary.

In addition to its other responsibilities, the North Tahoe council makes recommendations to the county Planning Department on design-review issues raised by proposed projects in

design review districts.

The Squaw Valley MAC has seven members. It normally meets at 6 p.m. on the last Thursday of each month in the Squaw Valley Fire Department. Its responsibilities include serving as a design review committee.

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### Placer County Seeking to Fill Vacancies on Foresthill Forum

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# County Looking to Fill Vacancies on Colfax Municipal Advisory Council

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Placer County is accepting applications from community members interested in serving on the Weimar-Applegate-Colfax Municipal Advisory Council.

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The Weimar-Applegate-Colfax MAC is a seven-member body that meets at 7 p.m. on the fourth Wednesday of each month in the Colfax Memorial Hall.

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# Meeting Planned to Gather Input on Fireworks Displays

Jan. 18, 2005

An ordinance to define the rules and permitting process for private fireworks displays is being drafted for review by the Placer County Board of Supervisors.

Community members, businesses, fire personnel, local agencies and other interested parties are encouraged to offer their suggestions during a meeting planned for Tuesday, Jan. 25, at the Board of Supervisor's Chambers from 9 to 11 a.m. A similar meeting has also been held in North Lake Tahoe.

The Board of Supervisors heard a number of questions regarding private fireworks displays during its meeting Oct. 19 in Tahoe. In response, board members declared a temporary moratorium on fireworks displays, then asked staff to work with communities and local agencies to develop a new draft.

Also, on Dec. 29 the Board held a special meeting in Auburn regarding fireworks displays, and authorized a temporary exception to allow pyrotechnic operators licensed by the state to manage previously-planned fireworks displays, particularly for the New Year's weekend.

Fireworks will otherwise remain illegal.

Supervisors hope to review a new fireworks display ordinance in February 2005. It would apply to unincorporated areas of Placer County.

The Board of Supervisors Chambers is located at the Placer County Administrative Center, 175 Fulweiler Ave. in Auburn. Comments regarding fireworks displays may also be sent by mail to the County Executive Office, 175 Fulweiler Ave., Auburn, CA 95603.



#### **Get Your Flu Shots Now**

January 11, 2005

The California Department of Health Services lifted remaining flu-vaccine restrictions recently, making all Californians eligible to receive flu shots.

As a result, the Placer County Health and Human Services Department is encouraging younger people as well as those who are older to get flu shots to protect themselves from influenza. Previously, flu shots were only available to those considered to be in high-risk groups. The flu season typically peaks in February.

People should not get flu shots if they are allergic to eggs or any component of the flu vaccine or they have a history of Guillain-Barre Syndrome. People who have acute illnesses or fevers shouldn't get flu shots until they feel better.

Placer County now has a good supply of flu vaccine and will offer flu shots through at least one more specially scheduled flu clinic and through regular immunization clinics, which offer other types of immunizations as well.

The flu clinic will be held from 9 a.m. to noon Wednesday, January 12 in the Roseville Veteran's Memorial Hall, 110 Park Dr., in Roseville.

The county's regular immunization clinics are held in Roseville, Tahoe, and Auburn. Both the Roseville and Auburn clinics are closed during the noon hours.

- In Roseville, the clinic takes place from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesdays at 1130 Conroy Lane, Suite 402.
- In Auburn, immunization clinics are held from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Fridays at 11583 C Ave. in the DeWitt Center.
- In Tahoe, the immunization clinic schedule is from 8 to 11 a.m. and 1 to 4 p.m. Thursdays at 8665 Salmon Ave. in Kings Beach.

The county will continue to provide information on it flu information message line, 530-

889-7161, and on its Web site.

"It is still early in the flu season, and influenza activity is unpredictable," observed Dr. Michael Mulligan, the county's deputy public health officer. "We encourage all people who are eligible to get flu shots, or FluMist to avoid getting sick."

"And don't forget: you can also help yourself and others avoid getting colds or other illnesses. In a nutshell, stay home if you are sick, cover your face if you cough or sneeze, wash your hands well and often, and stay healthy by taking good care of yourself."



#### Date Changed on Siller Ranch Continued Appeal Hearing

Jan. 10, 2005

The Board of Supervisors will continue its review of an appeal of the Siller Ranch project in Martis Valley on Tuesday, Jan. 18 at 1:30 in Auburn, not on Feb. 22 as originally scheduled. Two other Tahoe issues will also be heard that afternoon.

During a public hearing on Dec. 7 in Auburn, the Board heard testimony regarding affordable/employee housing issues, access to the Moonlight Meadows area and access for a multi-purpose trail through or around the project. However the Board didn't resolve the number of employee housing units to be required.

The Board directed county staff to collaborate with the Town of Truckee to determine a recommendation about the number of employee housing units needed for the project.

Since then, staff from the County and the Town have met, and have recommended that that the Board adopt an increased employee housing obligation of 245 units. In light of the meetings and staff agreement, the Board of Supervisors will hear the Siller Ranch appeal on Jan. 18 rather than waiting another month, and may take final action on the project.

As currently proposed, the Siller Ranch project would be required to build employee housing in the Tahoe-Sierra region of Placer County, and build it concurrently with the project construction.

The Planning Commission originally approved the Siller Ranch project on June 24, a decision appealed by the Town of Truckee and a law firm on behalf of a number of parties. On Oct. 5 the Board took action to deny the appeals and to approve the project in concept, along with the associated finding and conditions.

Two other projects are also being heard. At 2 p.m., the Board will also consider an appeal

of the Planning Commission's approval of the Northstar Mountain Improvements Project. The project would make major upgrades to the ski facilities, add new ski trails, improve some existing trails, add some new ski lifts and replace others, and improve snowmaking operations.

Then at 2:30 p.m, Supervisors will consider two separate appeals of the Highlands Village project at Dollar Hill. The project is a mixed-use development on a 13-acre site, comprised of a planned development of 50 market-rate town homes, a 78-unit affordable senior apartment complex and about 4,800 square feet of retail/commercial development. The Planning Commission approved the project on Oct. 15, but denied a proposed gated entry feature.

The Board will meet at the County Administrative Center, 175 Fulweiler Ave., in Auburn.



### Board Pays Tribute to Late Rep. Robert Matsui

January 4, 2005

The Placer County Board of Supervisors remembered U.S. Rep. Robert T. Matsui today as a dedicated, tireless leader who served as an advocate for the entire Sacramento region.

The Sacramento congressman died Saturday in the Washington, D.C. area from pneumonia brought on by a rare blood disorder. He served in Congress for 26 years.

At today's meeting, the Board of Supervisors voted unanimously to adopt a resolution extolling Matsui as a dedicated public servant who served with distinction in Congress.

"Today, we honor his memory for his commitment to all Americans; as a champion of the Sacramento region; and as a beloved husband, father and grandfather," the resolution says.

It cites several of the congressman's many legislative achievements in such areas as civil rights, flood protection, child welfare and world trade.

During World War II, his family was among the many Japanese-Americans sent to internment camps. In 1988, he was successful in securing congressional approval of the Japanese-American Redress Act, in which the federal government apologized for the internment program and offered compensation to internment camp survivors.

In the Sacramento region, Matsui helped win federal funding for flood-protection, transportation and other infrastructure projects. Board of Supervisors Chairman Robert Weygandt adjourned today's meeting in memory of Matsui, offering his condolences to the congressman's family and friends.

"He was an example for all of us to follow," Supervisor Bill Santucci said, noting that Matsui had a knack for seeing both sides of issues. "He was a gentle, decent and good man."

Supervisor Ted Gaines saluted Matsui for his work with Rep. John Doolittle of Roseville on local flood-protection issues.

"He was a great leader in our community," Gaines said of Matsui.