

**MEMORANDUM
DEPARTMENT OF FACILITY SERVICES
COUNTY OF PLACER**

To: **BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Date: **MARCH 7, 2006**

From:  **JAMES DURFEE / ALBERT RICHIE** 

Subject: **ADOPT RESOLUTION ENDORSING THE GREENPRINT INITIATIVE**

ACTION REQUESTED/RECOMMENDATION: Adopt a Resolution endorsing the Greenprint Initiative to enhance the County's tree management program and designating the Department of Facility Services as coordinating department for implementation of the program.

BACKGROUND: The Sacramento Tree Foundation is working with the 28 various cities and counties in the Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG) region to increase public awareness of the value of trees and a healthy urban forest. To achieve this goal, SACOG developed the Greenprint program, representing the vision of the Tree Foundation Board and staff, members of the scientific community, urban foresters and arborists, civic and elected leaders and concerned citizens from throughout the SACOG region. The program recognizes the importance of tree canopies and their contributions to air quality, water quality, energy conservation, improved public health, and increased property values. The purpose of Greenprint is to guide cities and counties of the SACOG region in developing urban forest initiatives. To carry out the stated purpose, Greenprint has identified the following three goals:

- To optimize the benefits of trees throughout our region.
- To create sustainable urban forests.
- To build community-wide appreciation for our urban forests.

The Greenprint also identifies three key elements of a successful urban forest program as:

- Management of Public Trees
- Policies and Ordinances
- Community Partnerships

The County of Placer has taken many actions consistent with the Greenprint. The Placer County Tree Preservation Ordinance, along with the various Community Plans and County General Plan provide direction regarding both public and private trees. Adoption of the attached Resolution endorsing the Greenprint Initiative provides the opportunity for the County to participate in the region-wide effort spearheaded by SACOG. Endorsement does not commit the County to policy or ordinance changes.

ENVIRONMENTAL CLEARANCE: This is an administrative action, and as such, it is not a separate project and is not subject to environmental review.

FISCAL IMPACT: Approval of this action will not increase already allocated financial resources within the various County Departments caring for the County's trees, therefore, there would be no impact upon the County General Fund as a result of adopting a Resolution to endorse the Greenprint initiative.

ATTACHMENT: RESOLUTION

cc: COUNTY EXECUTIVE OFFICE
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT/RESOURCE AGENCY
PLANNING DEPARTMENT
SACRAMENTO TREE FOUNDATION

**Before the Board of Supervisors
County of Placer, State of California**

**In the matter of: A RESOLUTION
ADOPTING THE GREENPRINT SPONSORED
BY THE SACRAMENTO TREE FOUNDATION,
A REGIONAL URBAN FOREST INITIATIVE**

Resol. No: _____

Ord No: _____

First Reading: _____

The following RESOLUTION was duly passed by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Placer at a regular meeting held _____, by the following vote on roll call:

Ayes:

Noes:

Absent:

Signed and approved by me after its passage.

**Attest:
Clerk of said Board**

Chairman, Board of Supervisors

WHEREAS, the County of Placer recognizes the importance of tree canopies and their contributions to clean air and water, storm water runoff reduction, energy conservation, improved public health, and increased property values;

WHEREAS, the County of Placer supports the protection of native trees, woodlands and riparian areas as key features to sustain our ecosystems and promote our natural heritage;

WHEREAS, the County of Placer supports the importance of citizen awareness and community involvement as major contributors to healthier urban forests, and in building neighborhood unity, community pride and civic trust.

WHEREAS, the County of Placer supports the value of public-private partnerships with business and nonprofit organizations in order to mobilize resources, widen funding sources and increase the understanding of the importance of trees.

WHEREAS, the County of Placer supports the development of urban forest best management practices, policies and ordinances and the adoption of urban forest master plans for each of our communities.

WHEREAS, the County of Placer supports coordinated tree planting plans in order to double the tree canopy in our region.

WHEREAS, the County of Placer supports the importance of nurseries and other green industries in providing highest quality tree stock and state of the art tree and urban forest services.

WHEREAS, the County of Placer supports a regional Greenprint steering committee of elected officials.

WHEREAS, the County of Placer supports a Greenprint Collaborative to provide high-quality technical information, education and funding resources to communities so they can expand, protect and steward their community trees and urban forest.

BĒ IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Placer, State of California, that:

1. The County of Placer hereby adopts the Greenprint sponsored by the Sacramento Tree Foundation; and
2. Hereby appoints the Department of Facility Services and the Planning Department to provide staff to serve as liaison of the County of Placer to the Greenprint Collaborative

