

MEMORANDUM
OFFICE OF THE
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF PLACER

TO: Honorable Board of Supervisors

FROM: Jim Holmes, Supervisor District 3

DATE: July 24, 2007

SUBJECT: REVENUE SHARING – Approve appropriation of \$500 in Revenue Sharing monies to the Placer Nature Center as requested by Supervisor Holmes (\$500).

ACTION REQUESTED

Approve appropriation of \$500 in Revenue Sharing monies to the Placer Nature Center as requested by Supervisor Holmes (\$500).

BACKGROUND/COMMUNITY BENEFITS: In approving the following contributions, the Placer County Board of Supervisors finds that each and every approved contribution serves a public purpose by promoting the general welfare of the County and its inhabitants therefore a benefit results to the County.

The Board of Supervisors is being asked once again to approve appropriations to help fund the Placer Nature Center *Public Information Kiosk*. The Placer Nature Center is staffed by volunteers who donate their time to lead school children through science learning and nature hikes as a part of their school field trips. The Nature Center serves 8,450 children annually from all Supervisory Districts. This project is necessary to serve community members who come to the Center for recreation and information during periods when there is no staff available to serve them. The kiosk will display information about trail access, animal rehabilitation, family and school programs, scout service opportunities and summer camp. The funds designated towards this project would expedite the building process and allow for public use and enjoyment during the coming summer.

FISCAL IMPACT

Funds are available in the Revenue Sharing budget.

June 22, 2007

Supervisor Jim Holmes
Placer County Board of Supervisors
175 Fulweiller Ave
Auburn, CA 95602

Dear Jim:

Placer Nature Center respectfully requests \$1,000 in Revenue Sharing Funds for 2007 to construct a public information kiosk at our Christian Valley site.

We estimate the cost to produce the kiosk at \$5,000. Any contribution that you can make toward this project will be appreciated.

This project is needed to serve community members who come to the Center for recreation and information during periods when there is no staff available to serve them. As you may know at the Nature Center, nature trails, picnic area and our education/history garden offer a myriad of opportunities for family fun, investigation and discovery. We would like to utilize Revenue Sharing funds to enrich the experience of casual visitors to the Center. The kiosk will be useful in:

- Answering common questions about the Center
- Posting information about how to access trails, garden and the Native American replica village
- What seasonal plants and animals are likely to be seen on the trails
- What events, programs and activities are upcoming at the Center
- Information on Volunteer opportunities
- And more!

Placer Nature Center is primarily staffed by volunteers who donate their time to lead school children through science learning and nature hikes as a part of their school field trips. Administrative staff is on site through 3:30 P.M. most weekdays. Our weekend and late afternoon visitors – often scout troops and others, will benefit from the kiosk project.

The kiosk will display information that responds to some of our most commonly asked questions about trail access, animal rehabilitation, family and school programs, scout service opportunities and summer camp.

On the kiosk we will also make available on a “use and return” basis field glasses, field guides, interpretive trail keys on foot prints, scat, insects and birds, trail and plant guides and related nature discovery tools. We will also include small first aid kits.

Please do not hesitate to call if you have questions on this proposal. We will be happy to meet with you to provide more details on our request and share how the kiosk will enrich the Placer Nature Center learning experience for young scientists and their families.

Thank you for your interest and support of Placer Nature Center.

Sincerely,

Leslie Warren
Executive Director

