

MEMORANDUM
OFFICE OF THE
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF PLACER

TO: Honorable Board of Supervisors

FROM: Robert Weygandt, Supervisor District 2

DATE: December 11, 2007

SUBJECT: COMMENDATION – Approve Commendation recognizing Wildlife Biologist Jeff Finn for 32 years of service to the great people of the State of California.

ACTION REQUESTED

Approve a Commendation honoring Wildlife Biologist Jeff Finn for 32 years of service to the great people of the State of California.

BACKGROUND:

Jeff spent the majority of his career supporting the Department of Fish and Game's efforts as wildlife biologist throughout the North Central Region (Region 2) including the counties of Placer, Nevada, Yuba, Sutter, Sierra and Plumas. Jeff's notable leadership on the development of conservation banking led to the establishment of a wetland mitigation bank in the town site of Sheridan; the first mitigation bank established in the western United States. Jeff has provided essential support to many of Placer County's programs including the Placer Legacy Open Space and Agricultural Conservation Program, the Placer County General Plan, and the Placer County Conservation Plan. Jeff Finn's career has directly lead to the conservation of thousands of acres of publicly and privately managed habitat which will have a lasting affect for all generations to come.

FISCAL IMPACT

None

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**In the Matter of a Commendation Recognizing
Wildlife Biologist Jeff Finn for over 32 years of service to the
great people of the State of California.**

WHEREAS, Jeff Finn served the great people of the State of California for over 32 years before retiring in December of 2007; and

WHEREAS, Jeff completed his education at the University of California, Davis by receiving a Bachelor of Science Degree in Zoology in 1971 and Masters of Science Degree in Ecology in 1974, and

WHEREAS, Jeff entered public service with the Department of Fish and Game as a Deer Hunt Supervisor at the Hopland Field Station in 1971, then as a Fish and Wildlife Seasonal Aide in Stockton in 1975, and received his first permanent assignment as a Junior Wildlife Manager/Biologist in Red Bluff in 1977; and

WHEREAS, Since 1984, Jeff spent the majority of his career supporting the Department of Fish and Game's efforts as wildlife biologist throughout the North Central Region (Region 2) including the counties of Placer, Nevada, Yuba, Sutter, Sierra and Plumas; and

WHEREAS, Jeff's notable leadership on the development of conservation banking led to the establishment of a wetland mitigation bank in the Townsite of Sheridan; the first mitigation bank established in the western United States.

WHEREAS, Jeff's determination and innovative thinking helped make California a leader on the development and use of conservation banks where over 50 conservation banks can now be found; and

WHEREAS, Jeff has provided essential support to many of Placer County's programs including the Placer Legacy Open Space and Agricultural Conservation Program, the Placer County General Plan, and the Placer County Conservation Plan; and

WHEREAS, Jeff's support during the preparation of the Placer Legacy Open Space and Agricultural Conservation Plan led to Placer County receiving the Governor's Environmental Enhancement and Leadership Award in 2002; and

WHEREAS, Jeff's expertise on matters related to wildlife biology, regional conservation planning, habitat management, and epicurean consumption are well known throughout the region; and

WHEREAS, Wildlife Biologist Finn's career has directly lead to the conservation of thousands of acres of publicly and privately managed habitat; a career legacy that will have a lasting affect on the State of California for generations to come. Jeff will leave behind a high standard for performance and a legacy of perseverance and hard work with integrity and determination.

NOW THEREFORE LET IT BE KNOWN THAT, the Placer County Board of Supervisors thanks Wildlife Biologist Jeff Finn for his service to the great people of the State of California and congratulates Jeff on his successful career with wishes for a long and happy retirement.

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