

MEMORANDUM
OFFICE OF THE
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF PLACER

TO: Honorable Board of Supervisors

FROM: Jim Holmes, Supervisor, District 3

DATE: May 1⁶/~~3~~, 2008

SUBJECT: REVENUE SHARING – Approve appropriation of \$250 in Revenue Sharing monies to the Placer Nature Center *Amphitheater Stage Reconstruction Project* as requested by Supervisor Holmes (\$250).

ACTION REQUESTED

Approve appropriation of \$250 in Revenue Sharing monies to the Placer Nature Center *Amphitheater Stage Reconstruction Project* as requested by Supervisor Holmes (\$250).

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 to approve appropriations to help fund the Placer Nature Center *Amphitheater Stage Reconstruction Project*. 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 over 10,000 community members annually from all Supervisory Districts. Reconstruction of the amphitheater stage and roof is necessary for public and student events providing shade, shelter, acoustic enhancement and a focal point for presenters. The amphitheater will enrich the Placer Nature Center learning experience for young scientists and their families. 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.

PLACER NATURE CENTER



March 27, 2008

Supervisor Rocky Rockholm
Placer County Board of Supervisors
175 Fulweiller Ave
Auburn, CA 95602

Dear Rocky:

Placer Nature Center respectfully requests Revenue Sharing Funds for 2008 to reconstruct our amphitheater stage for public and students' events. In the amphitheater, Eagle Scouts have reconstructed the seating area, installed solar powered lighting and landscaping. **The stage itself is still inadequate - primarily because the "roof" is so low.** This building was originally constructed for the Department of Fish and Game and sheltered animals injured by cars or hunters. The roof is so low that our presenters (bat educators, Wild Things, speakers on various environmental topics, Docents/teachers) cannot comfortably use the stage.

If we were to raise the roof approximately 5 feet, it would be a vast improvement, providing both shade, shelter, acoustic enhancement and a focal point for our presenters. We estimate the cost to rehabilitate the amphitheater at \$6,500. Any contribution that you can make toward this project will be appreciated. Any donation over \$1000 will be recognized on our Giving Tree Community Donation Recognition wall.

This Amphitheater project is needed to better serve community members who come to the Center for recreation and information. We serve over 10,000 community members each year. As you know, Placer Nature Center is a 501 c. 3 organization that offers a myriad of opportunities for nature investigation and discovery. We would like to utilize Revenue Sharing funds to enrich the experience of visitors to the Center.

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Because Placer Nature Center serves children and adults from all Supervisorial Districts, we hope that Revenue Sharing support from all members of the Board may be sufficient to fund the whole of this project (\$6,500). It would allow us to expeditiously build it for public use and enjoyment during the coming summer.

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 amphitheater 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

