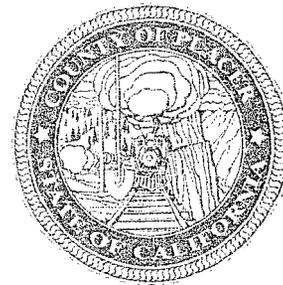


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To: Honorable Board of Supervisors
From: Edward N. Bonner, Sheriff-Coroner-Marshall 
Date: May 13, 2008
Subject: Snow Cat Donation from Pacific Gas and Electric for Search & Rescue Operations

Action Requested:

Your Board is requested to accept the donations for a snow cat, valued at \$40,000 from Pacific Gas and Electric, and a trailer, valued at \$10,200 from the Search and Rescue (SAR) non-profit organization, and to add the equipment to the Master Fixed Asset List. Additionally, your Board is requested to surplus the obsolete snow cat, fixed asset #20706001, currently valued at \$0 and donate the snow cat back to the SAR non-profit organization from where it originated.

Background:

The Pacific Gas and Electric (PG&E) has a snow cat they are removing from their inventory. Placer County Search and Rescue (SAR) has use for a snow cat in its Search and Rescue operations. The current snow cat is over twenty years old and is requested to be surplus as part of this Board request. Supervisor Kranz has been working with PG&E to partner with the County in support of SAR. The snow cat is valued at \$40,000. The snow cat would be equipped with features complimenting operations needed for search and rescue. The intent of the snow cat would be for the rescue/recovery of lost persons or other related public service. After speaking at length to Supervisor Kranz and our lieutenant who oversees SAR, PG&E notified the County and SAR that it had been selected to receive this donated snow cat. The snow cat has been received and registered to the County SAR. Its base value is approximately \$40,000. Upon accepting this equipment, Placer County Sheriff's Department would assume responsibility for its maintenance and operations. Its main function would be access into hard to access/remote areas during search and rescue operations.

In addition, the SAR non-profit organization has purchased an equipment trailer that is valued at \$10,200 for use in search and rescue operations. SAR non-profit raises funds from the community to purchase equipment in support of SAR operations. After the equipment is purchased, it is then donated and accepted by the County SAR operations. The Sheriff's Department then becomes responsible for its use, maintenance, and any liability and insurance coverage needed on the equipment.

Your Board's approval is required to accept this donated equipment, add it to the Master Fixed Asset List, to surplus the obsolete snow cat and return it to the SAR non-profit organization.

Fiscal Impact:

No additional General Fund dollars are requested to support the donated equipment. Annual costs include insurance, liability, operating and general maintenance costs. Its use would be based on the number of searches that occur. These costs are included in the existing Sheriff's Department budget. The costs should be less as the donated snow cat should require less maintenance than the obsolete one that is being surplus.

