

**MEMORANDUM**  
OFFICE OF THE  
**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**  
COUNTY OF PLACER

TO: Honorable Board of Supervisors

FROM: Robert M. Weygandt, Supervisor District 2  
Mike Boyle, Assistant County Executive Officer

DATE: July 7, 2009

SUBJECT: COMMENDATION – Approve a Commendation honoring Joe Medeiros for being named the 2009 recipient of the, “Placer Conservator of the Year Award” by Placer Land Trust.

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**ACTION REQUESTED**

Approve a Commendation honoring Joe Medeiros for being named the 2009 recipient of the, “Placer Conservator of the Year Award” by Placer Land Trust.

**BACKGROUND/COMMUNITY BENEFITS**

Placer Land Trust has chosen Joe Medeiros to be the recipient of the 2009, “Placer Conservator of the Year Award”. Placer Land Trust will be celebrating his contributions on Saturday, July 18, 2009 at The High Hand Nursery in Loomis.

Joe has educated and inspired students in the department of Biological Sciences at Sierra College in Rocklin through his teachings about natural ecosystems throughout California and the west. He has also organized and conducted the, “Placer's Future” event at Sierra College helping participants focus on the protection of Placer County's environmental, agricultural, and open space needs for its future.

During his tenure at Sierra College, Joe has also been voted by his peers and students to be named, “Faculty of the Year” (chosen by academic senate), “Teacher of the Year” (chosen by students) and he has received the, “Lifetime Achievement Award” in recognition for his work.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

None

**In the matter of a Commendation honoring  
Joe Medeiros for being named the 2009 recipient of the,  
"Placer Conservator of the Year Award" by Placer Land Trust.**

**WHEREAS**, Joe Medeiros, a distinguished resident of Placer County, has been named as the 2009 recipient of the, " Placer Conservator of the Year Award" by the Placer Land Trust for his many years of dedication to the preservation of natural resources in Placer County; and

**WHEREAS**, Joe has been found deserving of this prestigious award for his efforts to preserve the social and environmental resources of the County and the region; and

**WHEREAS**, Joe has demonstrated his dedication to these and similar pursuits through his leadership in educating and by inspiring students in the department of Biological Sciences at Sierra College in Rocklin; teaching students about natural ecosystems throughout California and the west in the classroom and on countless field trips; and

**WHEREAS**, Joe organized and conducted the *Placer's Future* event at Sierra College helping participants focus on the protection of Placer County's environmental, agricultural, and open space needs for its future; and

**WHEREAS**, Joe, during his tenure at Sierra College, was voted Faculty of the Year (chosen by academic senate), Teacher of the Year (chosen by students) and received a Lifetime Achievement Award; and

**WHEREAS**, Joe also served nine years as a National Park Ranger (naturalist) at Devil's Postpile National Monument in Mammoth Lakes, California, was instrumental in the massive expansion of Henry Coe State Park in Morgan Hill, California, and in the establishment of Great Valley Grasslands State Park in Gustine, California; and

**WHEREAS**, because of his passion and respect for the land, his leadership, forward thinking nature, and commitment to the important issues facing the region, Joe Medeiros has won the praise and admiration of his students, associates and the residents of Placer County.

**NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE KNOWN THAT**, the Placer County Board of Supervisors takes great pleasure in commending Joe Medeiros on being named the 2009, "Placer Conservator of the Year" and looks forward to his continuing commitment to enriching the quality of life and preserving the vast resources of Placer County and the Sierra Nevada.

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Supervisor, District 3  
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