

MEMORANDUM
OFFICE OF THE
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF PLACER

TO: Honorable Board of Supervisors

FROM: Jim Holmes, Supervisor, District 3

DATE: September 8, 2009

SUBJECT: REVENUE SHARING – Approve appropriation of \$500 in Revenue Sharing monies to the South Placer Heritage Foundation “*Cowpoke Fall Gathering*” Event to help preserve historical sites in Placer County, as requested by Supervisor Holmes (\$500).

ACTION REQUESTED

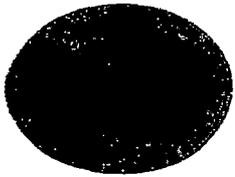
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BACKGROUND/COMMUNITY BENEFITS: In approving the following contributions, the Placer County Board of Supervisors finds that each and every approved contribution serves a public purpose by promoting the general welfare of the County and its inhabitants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

The Board of Supervisors is being asked to approve appropriations to help support the South Placer Heritage Foundation “*Cowpoke Fall Gathering*” Event being held November 12-15 at the Blue Goose Fruit Shed in Loomis. The South Placer Heritage Foundation was founded in 1995 with the purpose of actively preserving and restoring sites of historical character and significance in Placer County. Currently, the Blue Goose Shed is being further renovated to accommodate performances and events as well as provide meeting spaces for business and community groups. The building will continue to retain its historic character while providing the needed space and cultural exhibits that will attract more people to historic downtown Loomis. The funds designated towards this popular event will go towards the continuing renovation of the historic Blue Goose Fruit Shed.

FISCAL IMPACT

Funds are available in the Revenue Sharing budget.



Renovation of the Blue Goose

a project of the South Placer Heritage Foundation

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August 17th, 2009

Supervisor Jim Holmes
175 Fulweiler Avenue
Auburn, CA 95603

Dear Jim,

I have attached information about this year's Cowpoke Fall Gathering to be held in Loomis on November 12-15.

This annual event consistently draws many people to Loomis and Placer County who ordinarily would not visit here so the Fall Gathering helps to create an economic benefit for our region not to mention the added value of promoting the arts.

Our headliner this year will be the most popular of cowboy poets, Baxter Black.

Your support of this event will go towards the continuing renovation of the historic Blue Goose fruit shed.

Thank you in advance for your help.

Sincerely,


Randy

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THE BLUE GOOSE FRUIT SHED RENOVATION PROJECT

Planning for Phase 4

Much has been accomplished since 2002 through the first three phases of the renovation project at the Blue Goose Fruit Shed. A structurally secure building houses retail operations and a first class event and performance center that has retained the fruit shed's character while enhancing the amenities. *But there is still plenty to do and you can be part of the success.*

Phase 4 Goals

- Install elevator to second floor
- Design and remodel second floor
- Enhance the flooring in the event hall
- Plan and construct attractive parking areas

You can play a role in the future of the project by contributing to Phase 4. Make a difference and show your support for this regional icon and community asset. As a donor to the project with a cash donation or in kind materials or service, you will be recognized on an ongoing basis by the thousands of people who enjoy the Blue Goose annually. Gifts of \$500 or more are acknowledged on our permanent donor board. Private contributions make a critical difference in the Foundation's ability to be an effective steward of the Blue Goose. We are counting on supporters like you to help us reach our goals.

The Blue Goose Fruit Shed renovation project started in 2002 with structural and safety improvements. In 2004 a small army of volunteer electricians, painters, sheetrock installers, plumbers, general contractors and electricians made major changes to 10,000 sq. ft. of the north end of the building. This created the very popular event center. Last year a new roof installation was completed. Over 70 businesses and numerous community members donated in kind materials, labor and volunteer efforts valued at almost \$1,000,000 to complete Phases 1-3.

The South Placer Heritage Foundation, which owns and operates the Blue Goose, was founded in 1995 by a group of citizens with the purpose of preserving and restoring historical sites. As a volunteer organization, all the funds received go towards the improvement of the Blue Goose. The Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, managed by a Board of Directors who are committed to continuing the restoration progress of the Blue Goose. We seek to unite community leaders, business people, and community folks in a coalition to preserve this regional treasure.

Won't you join us!

