

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

TO: Honorable Board of Supervisors

FROM: Jennifer Montgomery, Supervisor District 5
Mike Boyle, Assistant County Executive Officer

DATE: May 18, 2010

SUBJECT: COMMENDATION – Approve a Commendation honoring Andy and Shana Laursen for being named the 2010 recipients of the, “Placer Conservator Award” by Placer Land Trust.

ACTION REQUESTED

Approve a Commendation honoring Andy and Shana Laursen for being named the 2010 recipients of the, “Placer Conservator Award” by Placer Land Trust.

BACKGROUND/COMMUNITY BENEFITS

Placer Land Trust has chosen Andy and Shana Laursen to be the recipients of the 2010, “Placer Conservator Award”. Placer Land Trust celebrated their contributions on Saturday, May 15, 2010 at annual Placer Land Trust awards dinner.

The Laursen’s support of land and water conservation in the Bear River watershed of the Sierra Nevada foothills has resulted in the permanent protection of thousands of acres of lands in Placer County with multiple public benefits including the protection of clean water, clean air, wildlife habitat, sustainable agriculture, and compatible public recreation.

FISCAL IMPACT

None

**In the matter of a Commendation honoring
Andy and Shana Laursen for being named the 2010 recipients
of the, "Placer Conservator Award" by Placer Land Trust.**

WHEREAS, residents Andy and Shana Laursen have demonstrated leadership in protecting the natural resources of Placer County for the benefit of current and future generations; and

WHEREAS, the Laursens have installed the largest residential photovoltaic system in California, with a solar array generating 59 kilowatts, which will fully power their home for generations to come with clean, renewable energy; and

WHEREAS, the Laursens have provided visionary leadership and philanthropic support to charitable organizations both locally and globally, including Placer Land Trust, the Environmental Defense Fund, Greyhound Friends for Life, the Yellowstone Park Foundation, and the African Wildlife Foundation; and

WHEREAS, the Laursen's support of land and water conservation in the Bear River watershed of the Sierra Nevada foothills has resulted in the permanent protection of thousands of acres of lands in Placer County with multiple public benefits including the protection of clean water, clean air, wildlife habitat, sustainable agriculture, and compatible public recreation; and

WHEREAS, the Laursens were honored by Placer Land Trust with the Placer Conservator Award on May 15, 2010, given annually to the individual or organization that most enriches the quality of life in Placer County through resource conservation.

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE KNOWN that Placer County Board of Supervisors commends Andy and Shana Laursen for thinking globally and acting locally to secure and enhance our natural resources for the benefit of current and future generations, for their commitment to sustainable energy, and for their incredible accomplishments that have led to their well-deserved receipt of the prestigious Placer Conservator Award.

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