

**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 congratulating Victor and Richard Simpson for being named the 2010 recipients of the Meadow Vista, “Community Service Award”.

ACTION REQUESTED

Approve a Commendation congratulating Victor and Richard Simpson for being named the 2010 recipients of the Meadow Vista, “Community Service Award”.

BACKGROUND/COMMUNITY BENEFITS

The Meadow Vista community has made a tradition each year at their annual Pioneer Days of Meadow Vista Celebration to honor special community members for their commitment to making Meadow Vista a special place to live. This year the recipients will be Victor and Richard Simpson.

Victor and Richard Simpson own Simpson Ranch in Meadow Vista. Their family has owned the property since 1852. It was their mother’s desire that their property be made available to community members to enjoy the natural beauty and landmarks throughout their property for horseback riding, hiking, bicycling and experiencing the joy of the outdoors. Victor and Richard have honored their mother’s wishes by maintaining availability of their property for community use. This has greatly enhanced and quality of life and enjoyment for local residents taking advantage of the generosity extended to the community by the Simpson family. In doing so, they were nominated and chosen to receive the Meadow Vista, “Community Service Award”.

FISCAL IMPACT

None

**In the matter of a Commendation congratulating
Victor and Richard Simpson for being named the 2010
recipients of the Meadow Vista, "Community Service Award".**

WHEREAS, for over eighty years, the community of Meadow Vista has made it a tradition to honor special community members that have committed themselves to making Meadow Vista a special place to live; and

WHEREAS, this year, 2010, Victor and Richard Simpson were chosen to receive the Community Service Award in recognition of their long standing willingness to allow the community to use and enjoy their home property; which has significantly improved the quality of life in the Meadow Vista community; and

WHEREAS, the Simpson family interests in the Meadow Vista community date back to 1852 when their great grandfather, James Simpson, first acquired the land known as Simpson Ranch. Today, the Simpson Ranch is one of the few large undeveloped natural areas left in the community; and

WHEREAS, in the 1920's, their father and mother Victor Simpson and Katherine Dodge Simpson, lived on the property in the house, still standing, that was built by James Simpson in the 1850's; and

WHEREAS, the Simpson Ranch is filled with local history including being a Wells Fargo stop for changing horses and whiskey in the early days and still hosting the original log cabin first built on the land; and

WHEREAS, placing high value on nature and wildlife, Victor and Richard have carried on the family values and tradition set forth by their mother Katherine Simpson, to always allow the horseback and walking trails on their property to be used and enjoyed by the community; and

WHEREAS, Victor and Richard have not only allowed, they have encouraged the community to use and enjoy their ranch to hike, bicycle, ride horses and provide a natural educational experience for school children to enjoy special field trips on the ranch; and

WHEREAS, the Vision Statement as written in 1996 for the Meadow Vista Community stated in part, "The people who have inhabited this area, beginning with the Nisenan and Maidu people, have always valued its natural resources and beautiful environment. The current inhabitants, both recent arrivals and those whose families have lived here for generations, continue to treasure Meadow Vista's natural setting, valuing its wildlife, natural landforms and native vegetation, such as heritage oaks, sugar pines and mixed forests"; and

WHEREAS, it was the decision of the Community Service Awards Committee that no other nominations for the 2010 award better exemplify the Vision Statement of the Meadow Vista community than Victor and Richard Simpson.

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE KNOWN THAT the Placer County Board of Supervisors congratulates Victor and Richard Simpson for receiving the 2010 Community Service Award in Meadow Vista and thanks them for their many years of generosity which have significantly impacted the livelihood of the Meadow Vista community.

**This Commendation to be presented at the
Annual Pioneer Days of Meadow Vista Celebration being held June 6, 2010**

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