

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

TO: Honorable Board of Supervisors

FROM: Teri Ivaldi, Chief of Staff

DATE: October 20, 2015

SUBJECT: COMMENDATION – Approve a Commendation honoring Mark Fowler the recipient of the 2015 Placer Conservator Award.

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**ACTION REQUESTED**

Approve a Commendation honoring Mark Fowler the recipient of the 2015 Placer Conservator Award.

**BACKGROUND**

Mark Fowler, a multi award-winning Lincoln High School teacher, recently inducted into the Lincoln High School Hall of Fame, has demonstrated long-term leadership in protecting and enhancing the natural resources of Placer County for the benefit of current and future generations. Mark inspired many generations of youth to love the outdoors through his 36 years of teaching at Lincoln High School before retirement. Mark dedicated his life to the enhancement of others through teaching, coaching, community involvement, leadership and volunteer service.

A naturalist and avid outdoorsman, Mark was instrumental in starting the highly successful School Farm program at Lincoln High School. It was designed to give students practical experience in the study of agriculture and natural resources. He developed several innovative educational programs at Lincoln High School including the Outdoor Education Program that takes students all over the western United States to study wildlife, geology and cultural history, the Outdoor Education Alumni Program, the Fish Project on the school farm, the Natural History class that installed Wood Duck boxes to study wildlife habitat at the school farm, and the Sportsman Legacy Program which provides students with scholarships for monitoring Wood Duck boxes around Placer County.

Mark has improved the community by serving on numerous non-profits boards and public commissions, including the Placer County Fish & Game Commission. Mark continues to educate youth in after school programs and local events such as annual bird counts, and he organizes and facilitates outdoor education programs and nature trips for local youth to explore and learn about California and the Western United States.

On October 22, 2015, Placer Land Trust is honoring Mark Fowler with the annual Placer Conservator Award, which recognizes an individual or organization that has enriched quality of life in Placer County through resource conservation.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

There is no fiscal impact.

**IN THE MATTER OF A COMMENDATION HONORING MARK FOWLER  
RECIPIENTS OF THE 2015 PLACER CONSERVATOR AWARD**

**WHEREAS**, Mark Fowler, a multi award-winning Lincoln High School teacher, recently inducted into the Lincoln High School Hall of Fame, has demonstrated long-term leadership in protecting and enhancing the natural resources of Placer County for the benefit of current and future generations; and

**WHEREAS**, Mark Fowler inspired many generations of youth to love the outdoors through his 36 years of teaching at Lincoln High School before retirement; and

**WHEREAS**, Mark dedicated his life to the enhancement of others through teaching, coaching, community involvement, leadership and volunteer service; and

**WHEREAS**, a naturalist and avid outdoorsman, Mark was instrumental in starting the highly successful School Farm program at Lincoln High School. It was designed to give students practical experience in the study of agriculture and natural resources; and

**WHEREAS**, he developed several innovative educational programs at Lincoln High School including the Outdoor Education Program that takes students all over the western United States to study wildlife, geology and cultural history; the Outdoor Education Alumni Program; the Fish Project on the school farm; the Natural History class that installed Wood Duck boxes to study wildlife habitat at the school farm and the Sportsman Legacy Program which provides students with scholarships for monitoring Wood Duck boxes around Placer County; and

**WHEREAS**, Mark Fowler improves our community by serving on numerous non-profits boards and public commissions, including the Placer County Fish & Game Commission, he continues to educate youth in after school programs and local events such as annual bird counts, and he organizes and facilitates outdoor education programs and nature trips for local youth to explore and learn about California and the Western United States; and

**WHEREAS**, on October 22, 2015, Placer Land Trust is honoring Mark Fowler with the annual Placer Conservator Award, which recognizes an individual or organization that has enriched quality of life in Placer County through resource conservation.

**NOW THEREFORE, LET IT BE KNOWN** that the above COMMENDATION was duly passed by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Placer at a regular meeting held, October 20, 2015 on behalf of the citizens of Placer County and commends Mark Fowler for enriching the quality of life in Placer County through resource conservation, and congratulates Mark Fowler for his incredible accomplishments that have led to his well-deserved receipt of the prestigious Placer Conservator Award.

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