



**MEMORANDUM  
AGRICULTURE /  
WEIGHTS AND MEASURES**  
County of Placer

TO: Board of Supervisors

DATE: August 23, 2016

FROM: Ed King, Deputy Agriculture Commissioner/Sealer

SUBJECT: Beaver Conservation in Urban Environments Presentation

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**ACTION REQUESTED**

Receive a presentation on coexisting with urban beaver populations.

**BACKGROUND**

Dr. Heidi Perryman of Martinez, CA founded the non-profit organization Worth a Dam to advocate for the conservation of beavers in urban environments. Ms. Perryman presented to the Placer Fish & Game Commission at their July 27, 2016 meeting during which she emphasized Worth a Dam's mission to educate municipalities on the ecological benefits of beavers and promote the use of techniques like pond levelers and beaver-proof culvert barriers to mitigate beaver-induced property damage. As the West faces more drought years she believes it is more important than ever to coexist with these important 'water savers.'

**ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT**

There is no environmental impact as this is an informational item to the BOS.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

None

