MEMORANDUM
OFFICE OF THE
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF PLACER

TO: Honorable Board of Supervisors
FROM: Robert M. Weygandt, Supervisor District 2
Mike Boyle, Assistant County Executive Officer
DATE: May 18, 2010

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION – Approve a Resolution authorizing the Placer County Board of Supervisor’s Chairman to sign a joint Proclamation between Placer, Nevada and Yuba Counties in support of the Bear-Yuba Partnership.

ACTION REQUESTED
Approve a Resolution authorizing the Placer County Board of Supervisor’s Chairman to sign a joint Proclamation between Placer, Nevada and Yuba Counties in support of the Bear-Yuba Partnership.

BACKGROUND/COMMUNITY BENEFITS:
The Placer County General Plan (1994) as augmented by the Placer Legacy Agricultural & Open Space Conservation Program (2000) seeks to preserve and enhance open space lands to maintain the natural and agricultural resources of Placer County, including wildlife habitat and water resources. These efforts are in unison with our neighboring counties of Nevada and Yuba.

The waterways, oak woodlands, ranches and open spaces in the Nevada, Placer and Yuba County foothills provide vital and multiple public benefits for our residents and visitors, as well as, the State of California. These benefits include the protection of critical wildlife habitat, water quality, and public recreation opportunities.

The Bear-Yuba Partnership was formed by the Trust for Public Land, Nevada County Land Trust and Placer Land Trust in 2009 to coordinate diverse conservation efforts into a unified effort to facilitate statewide investment in strategic landscape-scale land conservation of the watersheds of the Sierra Nevada foothills in Placer, Nevada and Yuba Counties, for the economic, ecological and social health of our local communities and the State of California. This Resolution is in support of these efforts and authorizes the Chairman to sign and affix a County seal to a non-binding multi-County Proclamation in support of the Bear-Yuba Partnership with the intent of the Proclamation to be presented at the May 26, 2010 Foothill Forum.

FISCAL IMPACT
None
Before the Board of Supervisors  
County of Placer, State of California

In the matter of a Resolution authorizing the Resolution No: _____________
Placer County Board of Supervisor's Chairman
to sign a joint Proclamation between Placer, Nevada and
Yuba Counties in support of the Bear-Yuba Partnership.

The following RESOLUTION was duly passed by the Board of Supervisors of the County
of Placer at a regular meeting held, ______________ by the following vote on roll call:

Ayes:
Noes:
Absent:

Signed and approved by me after its passage.

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Kirk Uhler
Chairman, Board of Supervisors

Attest:
Clerk of said Board

Ann Holman

WHEREAS, the Nevada County General Plan (1996) is based in part on the framework that
the County should foster a rural quality of life and protect the natural environment, including
the preservation of natural habitats, water resources, forests, agricultural activities, and the
scenic qualities of Nevada County; and

WHEREAS, the Placer County General Plan (1994) as augmented by the Placer Legacy
Agricultural & Open Space Conservation Program (2000) seeks to preserve and enhance
open space lands to maintain the natural and agricultural resources of Placer County,
including wildlife habitat and water resources; and

WHEREAS, the Yuba County General Plan (1996) seeks in part to maintain and enhance
natural resources, water quality, agriculture, open space lands and the scenic beauty of Yuba
County in order to protect the quality of the environment and the health and well-being of
present and future residents; and
WHEREAS, the waterways, oak woodlands, ranches and open spaces in the Nevada, Placer and Yuba County foothills provide vital and multiple public benefits to the State of California, including the protection of critical wildlife habitat, water quality, and public recreation; and

WHEREAS, the Bear-Yuba Partnership was formed by the Trust for Public Land, Nevada County Land Trust and Placer Land Trust in 2009 to coordinate diverse conservation efforts into a unified effort to facilitate statewide investment in strategic landscape-scale land conservation of the watersheds of the Sierra Nevada foothills in Placer, Nevada and Yuba Counties, for the economic, ecological and social health of our local communities and the State of California.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Placer County Board of Supervisors supports the efforts of the Bear-Yuba Partnership to raise awareness of, and increase funding for, the protection of the foothills and their many resources and public benefits, and to work with willing landowners and conservation partners to permanently protect important natural and agricultural lands for current and future generations; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Placer County Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes and directs its Chairman to sign and affix a County seal to a non-binding multi-County Proclamation in support of the Bear-Yuba Partnership with the intent of the Proclamation to be presented at the May 26, 2010 Foothill Forum.