

PLACER COUNTY
OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES

MEMORANDUM

To: Honorable Board of Supervisors

From: Thomas Miller, County Executive Officer
by: Rui Cunha, Emergency Services Program Manager
Rui Cunha

Date: April 3, 2007

Subject: Approve by resolution the transfer of two Programmable, Changeable Message Boards purchased by Placer County in 2006 with Homeland Security funds from the Master Fixed Asset List to the North Tahoe Fire Protection District and direct staff to execute all necessary actions to effect the transfer

ACTION REQUESTED

Approve by resolution the transfer of two Programmable, Changeable Message Boards purchased by Placer County in 2006 with Homeland Security funds from the Master Fixed Asset List to North Tahoe Fire Protection District, and direct staff to execute all necessary actions to effect the transfer.

BACKGROUND

The Tahoe Basin experiences 6-10 days annually, where roads in and out of the Basin are closed due to weather, slides or avalanches as examples. There are occasional interruptions in basic services, usually weather related, and tools to disseminate information to residents and the visiting public are often essential. Response to other incidents such as wildfires, floods and earthquakes require tools to direct or limit public movement on roadways and changeable message boards are an effective tool for these purposes. With these factors in mind, in 2003, the Placer County Homeland Security grant Approval Authority authorized the addition of changeable message boards to the list of equipment items that should receive priority for Homeland Security grant funding. The changeable message boards remained on the unfunded priority list until 2006, when monies became available due to savings in other programs.

With the Placer County Homeland Security Approval Authority's concurrence, Placer County OES acquired three large programmable changeable message boards at a cost of approximately \$14,200 each. As all three boards were purchased through Homeland Security grants, these tools must be available to all jurisdictions in Placer County. These boards are solar powered, with a generator backup are easily put into service and require very little training.

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One of the three changeable message boards will remain the property of Placer County and will be stored and put into service by Placer County Department of Public Works. With the significant and routine need for this tool in the Tahoe Basin, and at the request of the Tahoe Basin General Managers, and with the concurrence of the North Tahoe Fire Protection District, Placer County OES, by this action, will transfer full ownership of the remaining two changeable message boards to the North Tahoe Fire Protection District.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is a small but positive impact to the general fund as a result of this action as avoided maintenance costs of approximately \$1000/year will be borne by the North Tahoe Fire Protection District.

Attachments:
Resolution

Before the Board of Supervisors County of Placer, State of California

In the matter of:

Resol. No: _____

**A RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING TWO PROGRAMMABLE,
CHANGEABLE MESSAGE BOARDS FROM THE MASTER
FIXED ASSET LIST TO THE NORTH TAHOE FIRE PROTECTION
DISTRICT**

The following **RESOLUTION** was duly passed by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Placer at a regular meeting held **APRIL 3, 2007** by the following vote on roll call:

Ayes:

Noes:

Absent:

Signed and approved by me after its passage.

Chairman, Board of Supervisors

Attest:

Clerk of said Board _____

WHEREAS, the Tahoe Basin experiences 6-10 days annually, where roads in and out of the Basin are closed due to weather, slides or avalanches as examples; and

WHEREAS, there are occasional interruptions in basic services, usually weather related, and tools to disseminate information to residents and the visiting public are often essential; and

WHEREAS, response to other incidents such as wildfires, floods and earthquakes require tools to direct or limit public movement on roadways and changeable message boards are an effective tool for these purposes; and

WHEREAS, the Tahoe Basin General Managers requested the purchase and employment of programmable, changeable message boards in the Basin, and with the concurrence of the Homeland Security Approval Authority; and

WHEREAS, the North Tahoe Fire Protection District volunteered to store, manage use, and maintain two boards, providing a valuable emergency management and response tool in the Tahoe Basin;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the governing body of the County of Placer, that the transfer from the County Master Fixed Asset List of two programmable, changeable message boards to the North Tahoe Protection District is approved, and further, staff is directed to take all necessary action to affect the transfer in the most expeditious manner.

RESOLVED FURTHER, the Clerk of the County of Placer shall certify the adoption of this resolution, and thenceforth and thereafter the same shall be in full force and effect.

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