



**MEMORANDUM  
FACILITIES MANAGEMENT  
REAL ESTATE SERVICES DIVISION**  
County of Placer

TO: Honorable Board of Supervisors DATE: March 30, 2021  
FROM: Steve Newsom, Director of Facilities Management  
By: Ferrin Call, Project Manager  
SUBJECT: Real Estate Services / Site Access Agreement / Auburn Golden Gardeners, Inc. /  
Placer County Government Center, Auburn, California

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**ACTION REQUESTED**

Authorize the Director of Facilities Management, or designee, to execute the Site Access Agreement with Auburn Golden Gardeners, Inc., a nonprofit corporation, allowing use of the 0.5-acre Placer County Government Center Garden for two years, with no monthly fee.

**BACKGROUND**

The Placer County Government Center Garden (PCGC Garden) is located between D and E Avenues West, east of Richardson Drive in North Auburn (Attachment A Use Area Map). The UC Regents Master Gardeners program leased the PCGC Garden for use as a demonstration garden by the Master Gardener program and a community garden by the Senior Garden program beginning in 2007. Effective April 30, 2020, the UC Regents terminated their lease agreement and dissolved the Senior Garden program. Gardeners from the Senior Garden have been allowed to continue using their previously assigned plots in the PCGC Garden in the interim between the termination of the lease and a new use agreement for the PCGC Garden.

During that time, a group of the gardeners formed Auburn Golden Gardeners, Inc. for the purpose of entering into a site access agreement with Placer County to operate the PCGC Garden as a community garden serving senior citizens who reside in Placer County. The Department of Public Works, Parks and Grounds Division has agreed to pay for a portable toilet in the garden and the County will provide water between the months of May through November 15<sup>th</sup>. All other costs will be borne by the Auburn Golden Gardeners, Inc. The Gardeners are required to perform all maintenance, service, and repairs of the Use Area. This includes the removal of all refuse and yard waste away from the PCGC Garden. Each Gardener is required to enter into a Gardening Rules and Regulations Agreement and pay annual dues.

**ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT**

Approval of this site access agreement is Categorical Exempt from review pursuant to Section 15301 of the California Environmental Quality Act. This Section provides for activities, including leasing of existing facilities, when there is no expansion of use beyond that previously existing.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

No rent will be paid for the use of this site. However, the Auburn Golden Gardeners, Inc. will bear the cost of the use of this site with the exception of the portable toilet and water. The cost

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of the portable toilet is included in the Parks FY 2020-21 Adopted Budget. The cost to administer this agreement is included in the Real Estate Services FY 2020-21 Adopted Budget.

**ATTACHMENTS**

Attachment A - Use Area Map

On file with Clerk of the Board – Site Access Agreement PCGC Garden Site - Placer County Government Center

Attachment A  
Use Area Map  
Placer County Government Center Garden



