



MEMORANDUM
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
County of Placer

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Ken Grehm, Director of Public Works
SUBJECT: Commendation / Mark Rideout

DATE: April 13, 2021

ACTION REQUESTED

Approve and present a Commendation recognizing Mark Rideout for over 27 years of dedicated public service as an employee of the Placer County Departments of Facility Services and Public Works.

BACKGROUND

Mark Rideout began his employment with Placer County as an Architect in the Capital Improvements Division of the Department of Facility Services in 1993 and is retiring after serving the citizens of this County for more than 27 years. Following his project management role in the Capital Improvements Division, Mark moved to the Real Estate Services Division (formerly Property Management Division) and served as the Property Manager of the Division from 2000 until 2010 when he was promoted to Deputy Director of Facility Services where he oversaw the Real Estate Services, Parks, and Museums Divisions. Upon Departmental reorganization in 2018 Mark's position changed to Deputy Director of Public Works where he remained until his retirement in October 2020.

Mark leaves a legacy of leadership in many of the County's most significant property acquisitions and developments over the past 27 years. Among a long list of projects that served the public and County employees, some of Mark's most noteworthy achievements included the acquisition and development of Hidden Falls Regional Park and, most recently, the revitalization of the Placer County Fairgrounds in Roseville with the completion of The Grounds indoor event venue. Mark is recognized for his service to the people of Placer County and is congratulated on his successful career with wishes for a long and happy retirement.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

None

FISCAL IMPACT

None

ATTACHMENTS

Commendation

**IN THE MATTER OF A COMMENDATION RECOGNIZING MARK
RIDEOUT FOR MORE THAN 27 YEARS OF SERVICE TO PLACER COUNTY**

WHEREAS, Mark Rideout began his employment with Placer County in 1993 as an Architect in the Capital Improvements Division of the Department of Facility Services. He is retiring after serving the citizens of this County for more than 27 years; and

WHEREAS, Mark was promoted to the position of Property Manager in 2000, to Deputy Director of Facility Services in 2010 and to Deputy Director of Public Works in 2018; and

WHEREAS, in Mark's various roles, he oversaw the Property Management, Parks, Museums, Transit, and Accounting Divisions, providing critical leadership and project management in the acquisition and development of important public amenities including Hidden Falls Regional Park and the revitalization of the Placer County Fairgrounds; and

WHEREAS, Mark is admired by his staff for his long term faithfulness and positivity. He is dedicated to quality and thoroughness in every project to which he contributes and has a wealth of knowledge and history that he has worked hard to pass on to those who will follow in his footsteps; and

WHEREAS, Mark was not only dedicated to his formal duties, but loved to bring a flair of art, beauty, and levity to the workplace around him. Mark's professional quality photography adorned hallways from his office building to the Board of Supervisors' chambers. The stresses of work life seemed to lighten up whenever Mark walked down the hall in his trademark flashy colorful socks that occasionally even matched; and

WHEREAS, in addition to independently bringing countless individual projects to completion, it was Mark who developed many of the processes and systems that stand behind the success of initiatives such as the Placer Legacy Open Space and Agricultural Conservation Program. As we bid farewell to Mark, may he know for certain that he leaves a legacy of programs, projects, and relationships that will serve the citizens and staff of Placer County for decades to come; and

WHEREAS, Mark's retirement is sure to be filled with precious time spent with his wife Gayle and their daughter, Cate. Mark will now have time to dedicate to his renowned skills in photography, culinary arts, and wine making along with vacationing adventures in their Airstream camper.

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE KNOWN that the above COMMENDATION was duly passed by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Placer on behalf of the citizens of Placer County at a regular meeting held April 13, 2021 and recognizes Mark Rideout for his service to the people of Placer County, and congratulates Mark on his successful career with wishes for a long and happy retirement.

Robert M. Weygandt, Supervisor District 2
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