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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Public Comment in support of Staff Recommendation RE: BOS Hearing Nov 16th (1:10PM Timed Item) on Placer Legacy
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Hello Nikki, Corrie and Megan,

I am writing in support of the staff recommendation for the 1:10 Timed item for the BOS meeting on Nov 16th regarding support for Placer Legacy.

I encourage the Board to support staff's recommendation of Option 2 that builds a strategic program framework and allocates the ~\$1M in funding to the Placer Legacy Program. The small percentage of dollars is well worth the value as it contributes to conserving natural habitat across the entire County for conservation and agriculture purposes. This benefits residents, wildlife and the Ag industry in Placer County. The potential passive vs recreation use of these lands is controversial but should be options on the table that are evaluated in the strategic framework going forward.

There are two things that I hope can be clarified during the hearing:

- Are residential and commercial development project mitigation dollars for natural resource impacts (tree, wetland, etc) that fall outside of the Placer County Conservation Program (PCCP) deposited into the Placer Legacy Trust fund?
- Given the county-wide scope of the Placer Legacy program, I suggest that the Fish and Game Commission be integrated into the process going forward to develop the strategic framework and make prioritization decisions and help administer the Placer Legacy fund and program. As a Fish and Game Commissioner for District 4, this makes sense because our mission is "Advisory to the County Board of Supervisors in all issues affecting fish and wildlife in Placer County. The Commission coordinates efforts in habitat improvements, public awareness and natural resource education." A collaboration like this would ensure that countywide opportunities are considered and we can work together on public outreach and advocacy to the Board of Supervisors.

Based on the staff report write-up, it is evident that the Placer Legacy program is critical and complements the Placer County Conservation Program (PCCP) and can help bolster county-wide programs and also includes the protection of Agricultural assets. With the synergy with the Fish and Game Commission, it would add even more value.

Thank you for your consideration.

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