

**MEMORANDUM**  
OFFICE OF THE  
**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**  
COUNTY OF PLACER

TO: Honorable Board of Supervisors

FROM: Robert M. Weygandt, Supervisor District 2

DATE: September 18, 2007

SUBJECT: COMMENDATION – Approve and present a Commendation honoring Placer County Water Agency for 50 years of service to the people and communities of Placer County.

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**ACTION REQUESTED**

Approve and present a Commendation honoring Placer County Water Agency for 50 years of service to the people and communities of Placer County.

**BACKGROUND:**

Over the past 50 years, the Placer County Water Agency has become the largest purveyor of water in Placer County. On September 11, 1957 the Placer County Water Agency was created through a special act of the State Legislature with the expressed purpose to develop and protect water resources in Placer County for the people of Placer County. Today, the Placer County Water Agency provides raw water to customers through 165 miles of canals, provides drinking water through 8 water treatment plants and produces an average of more than 1 billion kilowatt hours of energy annually.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

None

**In the matter of a Commendation honoring the  
Placer County Water Agency for 50 years of  
service to the people and communities of Placer County.**

**WHEREAS**, effective September 11, 1957, the Placer County Water Agency (PCWA) was established under its own state legislation entitled the Placer County Water Agency Act. The mandate for the new Agency was straightforward: to develop and protect water resources within the County, for the people of Placer County; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1959, PCWA completed a General Plan for development of Placer County's water resources; and

**WHEREAS**, through the sale of revenue bonds paid for by the generation of electricity, PCWA financed and built the Middle Fork American River Project consisting of 7 dams, 3 major reservoirs (French Meadows, Hell Hole and Ralston), a series of 5 hydroelectric plants, numerous diversion facilities and several miles of tunnels; and

**WHEREAS**, the Middle Fork American River Project produces more than one billion kilowatt hours of clean electricity annually and supplies up to 120,000 acre feet of surface water annually; and

**WHEREAS**, the Placer County Water Agency has been a strong advocate for water conservation and efficient water use and has consistently worked to preserve water quality in County watersheds; and

**WHEREAS**, the Placer County Water Agency is a recognized leader at local, regional, state and federal levels in the advocacy of the County's water rights, water resources and conservation and has build over its 50 years of existence, a reputation for professional and reliable service.

**NOW THEREFORE LET IT BE KNOWN THAT**, on this 18<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2007 the Placer County Board of Supervisors does hereby congratulate the Placer County Water Agency on their 50 year anniversary. In addition, the Board expresses their sincere appreciation to the Placer County Water Agency for the high quality of service provided to the people and communities of Placer County and for their perseverance through times of drought, flood and constant change to become the County's largest purveyor of water.

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