

MEMORANDUM
OFFICE OF THE
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF PLACER

TO: Honorable Board of Supervisors

FROM: F.C. "Rocky" Rockholm, Supervisor, District 1, Robert M. Weygandt, Supervisor, District 2, Jim Holmes, Supervisor, District 3 and Kirk Uhler, Supervisor, District 4

DATE: January 27, 2009

SUBJECT: REVENUE SHARING – Approve appropriation of \$800 in Revenue Sharing monies to the High Sierra Resource Conservation District for the USDA Mandarin Synephrine Bioavailability Study as requested by Supervisor Rockholm (\$200), Supervisor Weygandt (\$200), Supervisor Holmes (\$200) and Supervisor Uhler (\$200).

ACTION REQUESTED

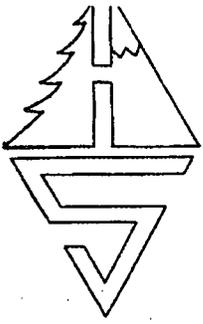
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BACKGROUND/COMMUNITY BENEFITS: In approving the following contributions, the Placer County Board of Supervisors finds that each and every approved contribution serves a public purpose by promoting the general welfare of the County and its inhabitants therefore a benefit results to the County.

The Board of Supervisors is being asked once again to approve appropriations to help fund the USDA Mandarin Synephrine Bioavailability Study on behalf of High Sierra Resource Conservation District. This past year High Sierra Resource Conservation and Development Council working with Joanne Neft raised \$16,000 locally to fund the study that proved Placer County Mandarins contain significant amounts of synephrine. The next step is to conduct a bioavailability study to determine how long it takes the synephrine to get in the blood stream and how long it stays in the blood stream. Sutter Health Foundation has agreed to fund and host the four days needed to collect the blood samples from eighty people. The project will provide basic scientific data regarding the decongestive attributes of mandarin oranges and the information will provide the Placer County growers and the mandarin growers throughout the state an additional marketing tool for promoting a healthy diet based on fresh food.

FISCAL IMPACT

Funds are available in the Revenue Sharing budget.



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November 19, 2008

Supervisor Jim Holmes
Placer County
175 Fulweiler Avenue
Auburn, CA 95603

Re: Funding for USDA Mandarin Synephrine Bioavailability Study

Dear Supervisor Holmes:

This past year High Sierra Resource Conservation and Development (RC&D) Council working with Joanne Neft raised \$16,000 locally to fund the study that proved Placer County Mandarins contain significant amounts of synephrine. We again thank you for your support of this study. Our next step is to conduct a bioavailability study to determine how long it takes the synephrine to get in the blood stream and how long it stays in the blood stream.

To conduct the first phase of this study we need \$25,000 cash. We have received a \$10,000 Challenge Grant from the United Auburn Indian Community. We have to raise \$10,000 to match the UAIC money. To date, we have raised \$6,250.

Sutter Health Foundation has agreed to fund and host the 4 days needed to collect the blood samples from 80 people. This contribution is valued at \$25,000.

We would appreciate your support to help fund the Mandarin Synephrine Bioavailability Study. If you have any questions about the study, please give us a call at 823-5698 ext. 5.

Thank you for your kind consideration of this request.

Sincerely

William J. Bennett
President

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