

MEMORANDUM  
OFFICE OF THE  
COUNTY EXECUTIVE  
COUNTY OF PLACER

**TO:** Honorable Board of Supervisors  
**FROM:** Thomas M. Miller, County Executive Officer  
By Anita Reis, Management Analyst  
**DATE:** December 14, 2010  
**SUBJECT:** Resolution commending the Cost Savings Task Force

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**ACTION REQUESTED:**

Adopt a resolution commending members of the Cost Savings Task Force for their commitment, hard work and lasting contributions in helping Placer County achieve cost savings, enhance productivity and introduce operational economies.

**BACKGROUND:**

In February 2009, the Board of Supervisors authorized the County Executive Office to create a Cost Savings Task Force. Its mission was to review the 200 plus cost-savings ideas proposed by management and confidential employees during a series of informal budget meetings. More than 80 employees volunteered to serve on the task force. Many have worked for more than a year to review the initial cost-savings ideas and those submitted thereafter to determine which should be implemented.

Today, the task force is being recognized for its hard work and dedication. The efforts of its members already are making a difference in terms of cost savings, increased productivity and operational efficiencies. Members of the Cost Savings Task Force are listed in Attachment A.

The task force was divided into six subcommittees: Automation and Information Technology, Benefits, Purchasing, Receiver, Organizational, and Transportation and Travel. Their recommendations are sent to a Clearinghouse Committee for review and approval. Recommendations approved by the Clearinghouse Committee are forwarded to the Board of Supervisors for consideration.

To date, more than 70 cost-savings ideas, consisting of numerous productivity enhancements not readily quantifiable as well as other ideas with an estimated annual savings of over \$4.9 million have been recommended by the Clearinghouse Committee for implementation. The task force's efforts complement various cost-savings measures totaling over \$14.5 million put into effect by the Board over the last few years. Working together, we have succeeded in keeping Placer County on a sound financial footing despite the budget challenges created by the economic slowdown and state budget crisis.

Attachment: Resolution and List of Cost Savings Task Force Members

# Before the Board of Supervisors County of Placer, State of California

In the matter of:

Resol. No: \_\_\_\_\_

Approve a resolution commending members of the Cost Savings Task Force for their commitment, hard work and lasting contributions in helping Placer County achieve cost savings, enhance productivity and introduce operational economies.

The following Resolution was duly passed by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Placer at a regular meeting held on \_\_\_\_\_ by the following vote on roll call:

Ayes:

Noes:

Absent:

Signed and approved by me after its passage.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Chairman, Board of Supervisors

Attest:  
Clerk of said Board

**WHEREAS**, in February 2009, the Placer County Board of Supervisors authorized the County Executive Officer to create a Cost Savings Task Force whose mission was to review more than 200 cost-savings ideas initially proposed by management and confidential employees during a series of informal budget meetings;

**WHEREAS**, the Cost Saving Task Force comprises six subcommittees, Automation and Information Technology, Benefits, Purchasing, Receiver, Organizational, and Transportation and Travel, and the approver committee, the Clearinghouse Committee;

**WHEREAS**, over 80 management and confidential personnel have served on the Cost Savings Task Force for more than a year to review numerous cost savings ideas;

**WHEREAS**, more than 70 cost-savings ideas, consisting of numerous productivity enhancements not readily quantifiable as well as other ideas with an estimated annual savings of over \$4.9 million, have been recommended by the Clearinghouse Committee for implementation.

**AND WHEREAS**, the efforts of its members already are making a difference in terms of cost savings, increased productivity and operational efficiencies;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that Board of Supervisors of the County of Placer, on behalf of the citizens of Placer County, commends the members of the Cost Savings Task Force on the attached list for their commitment to the cost saving initiative benefitting residents, and for their recommendations for productivity enhancements, operational economies and cost savings.

## Cost Savings Task Force Members

Allison Carlos - County Executive Office	Kelly Berger - Community Development Resource Agency
Allison McCrossen - County Executive Office	Kelly Heikila - Assessor
Amy Townley - Community Development Resource Agency	Kirk Uhler - Board of Supervisors
Andrew Sisk - Auditor-Controller	Lena Hugi - County Executive Office
Anita Reis - County Executive Office	Leslie Hobson - County Executive Office
Ann Baker - Community Development Resource Agency	Linda Brown - Board of Supervisors
Ann Craig - Personnel	Loren Clark - Community Development Resource Agency
April Nuñez - Child Support Services	Lori Boone - Health & Human Services
Barbara Besana - Sheriff	Mark Parker - Library
Becky Nelson - Personnel	Mark Rathe - County Counsel
Bekki Riggan - County Executive Office	Marshall Hopper - Probation
Bob Blaser - Public Works	Mary George - Library
Brian Jagger - Board of Supervisors	Mary Herdegen - County Executive Office
Cheryl Trenwith - Health & Human Services	Michelle Beauchamp - Personnel
Chris Artim - Probation	Mike Fahey - Personnel
Chuck Gordon - Public Works	Mike Fitch - County Executive Office
Dan Dottai - Community Development Resource Agency	Nancy Aplanalp - District Attorney
Dave Keyes - Sheriff	Nicole Howard - Auditor-Controller
Dave Koppin - District Attorney	Nicole Lopez - County Executive Office
Dave McManus - Probation	Paul Thompson - Community Development Resource Agency
Debbie Bartels - Child Support Services	Renee Harvey - Probation
Debbie Keeler Drake - Health & Human Services	Richard Eiri - Community Development Resource Agency
Denise Medlin - County Executive Office	Robert Blaser - Public Works
Donna Kirkpatrick - Community Development Resource Agency	Robert Long - Health & Human Services
Eric Waidmann - Treasurer-Tax Collector	Robert Weygandt - Board of Supervisors
Gina Langford - Community Development Resource Agency	Rocky Rockholm - Board of Supervisors
Graham Knaus - Health & Human Services	Ron Baker - County Executive Office
James Importante - County Executive Office	Rui Cunha - County Executive Office
Janet Fogerty - Auditor-Controller	Ruth Alves - Board of Supervisors
Jeff Bell - County Executive Office	Sandy Hammock - Administrative Services
Jennifer Montgomery - Board of Supervisors	Scott Owens - District Attorney
Jerry Gamez - Admin Services	Steve Dragland - District Attorney
Jerry Silva - Admin. Services	Steve Oliveira - Personnel
Jill Corral - Auditor-Controller	Ted Peterson - District Attorney
Jim Boggan - Admin Services	Therese Leonard - County Executive Office
Jim Gandley - Health & Human Services	Tim Wegner - Community Development Resource Agency
Jim Holmes - Board of Supervisors	Tom Christofk - Air Pollution Control District
Joanne Auerbach - County Executive Office	Troy Held - Child Support Services
Joel Swift - Facility Services	Twylla Abrahamson - Health & Human Services
Joyce Alderman - Farm Advisor	Valerie Bayne - Facility Services
Karen Lund - Probation	Valerie Flood - County Counsel
Karin Bjork - District Attorney	Virgie Valenzuela - Sheriff
Kathryn Ripley - County Executive Office	Will Dickinson - Facility Services

