

MEMORANDUM
OFFICE OF THE
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF PLACER

TO: Honorable Board of Supervisors

FROM: Jennifer Montgomery, Supervisor, District 5

DATE: May 24, 2011

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION – Approve a resolution in support of “Lake Tahoe Basin Wildfire Awareness Week” May 28th – June 5th urging residents to take wildfire prevention measures to reduce the threat of wildfires around their homes and in their community.

ACTION REQUESTED

Approve a resolution in support of, “Lake Tahoe Basin Wildfire Awareness Week” May 28th – June 5th urging residents to take wildfire prevention measures to reduce the threat of wildfires around their homes and in their community.

BACKGROUND

The second annual Lake Tahoe Basin Wildfire Awareness Week will be held May 28 to June 5, 2011. The theme this year is “Get Defensive: We’re Counting on You!” The focus of the week will be to promote community based defensible space activities.

The goal of the Lake Tahoe Basin Wildfire Awareness Week is to encourage individual action to reduce the threat of wildfire to homes and communities. Activities will provide information and resources to create defensible space around homes. Creating defensible space involves selecting and maintaining vegetation near the home, thereby reducing the risk homes will be ignited and destroyed during a wildfire. It takes a coordinated effort between individuals and local fire and other agencies to prepare a community to survive wildfire.

FISCAL IMPACT

None

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

IN THE MATTER OF A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT
OF, "LAKE TAHOE BASIN WILDFIRE AWARENESS
WEEK" MAY 28TH – JUNE 5TH URGING RESIDENTS
TO TAKE WILDFIRE PREVENTION MEASURES TO
REDUCE THE THREAT OF WILDFIRES AROUND THEIR HOMES
AND IN THEIR COMMUNITY.

Resolution No: _____

The following RESOLUTION was duly passed by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Placer at a regular meeting held, May 24, 2011 by the following vote on roll call:

Ayes:

Noes:

Absent:

Signed and approved by me after its passage.

Robert M. Weygandt
Chairman, Board of Supervisors

Attest:
Clerk of said Board

Ann Holman

WHEREAS, wildfire poses a threat to the lives and property of the residents and visitors of Lake Tahoe; and

WHEREAS, sediment caused by wildfires pose a threat to the water quality of Lake Tahoe; and

WHEREAS, wildfire has had significant impacts to the Lake Tahoe Basin's economic and social well-being; and

WHEREAS, Lake Tahoe Basin homeowners could substantially reduce the wildfire threat to their homes and communities by advanced preparation and creation of defensible space; and

WHEREAS, reducing the wildfire threat to homes and communities requires coordinated action between residents, homeowners and local fire agencies.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Placer County Board of Supervisors supports this Resolution as a means for education and a call to action to prepare for the wildfire threat; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Placer County Board of Supervisors supports the week of May 28th – June 5th, 2011 as, "Lake Tahoe Basin Wildfire Awareness Week" in Placer County.