

**MEMORANDUM**  
**Office of**  
**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**  
**County of Placer**

To: The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
From: Robert Weygandt, Supervisor District 2  
Date: September 10, 2013  
Subject: Resolution in Support of Placer Land Trust Capital Campaign

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**ACTION REQUESTED:** Approve a Resolution in support of Placer Land Trust's capital campaign for funding to construct and maintain publically accessible trails and related recreational facilities.

**BACKGROUND:** Since 1991, Placer Land Trust (PLT) has worked with willing landowners and conservation partners to permanently preserve more than 7,600 acres of natural open space and agricultural lands in Placer County. Integrated with PLT's mission to conserve these lands, is their role in stewardship, education programs and the development of recreational opportunities.

As many of the conserved properties are suitable for the development of public recreation opportunities including trails, trailheads, interpretive signage and other amenities, PLT has recently embarked upon a capital campaign to raise \$750,000 for construction and maintenance of new trails and facilities. Funding from this campaign will provide the ability to expand public recreation opportunities including trail connections into the Auburn State Recreation Area along the American River, development of trails in the Big Hill/Garden Bar area, and connection to trails at Hidden Falls Regional Park.

The County has made significant investments in open space and associated recreation throughout the County and PLT has been an important partner in that effort. Support of this capital campaign furthers that priority, leverages private resources in the delivery of valued recreation amenities at significant savings to the tax payers, while also contributing positively to the quality of life and economy in Placer County.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** There is no fiscal impact associated with approval of this Resolution. In addition to the existing funding for trails and improvements at Hidden Falls Regional Park that now exceed \$200,000 annually, as funds are available and when priorities of the County allow, the County intends to continue its commitment to support publicly accessible, multi-purpose trails including trail construction projects identified by PLT's capital campaign and to partner with PLT as opportunities arise.

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

In the matter of: A RESOLUTION  
IN SUPPORT OF THE PLACER LAND  
TRUST CAPITAL CAMPAIGN FOR  
DEVELOPMENT OF PUBLICLY  
ACCESSIBLE TRAILS AND RELATED  
RECREATIONAL FACILITIES

RESOLUTION 2013- \_\_\_\_\_

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

Ayes:  
Noes:  
Absent:

Signed and approved by me after its passage.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Chair, Board of Supervisors

Attest:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk of said Board

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Supervisors wishes to lend its support and encouragement to Placer Land Trust, a private non-profit organization, in its current campaign to raise \$750,000 through June 2014 for the construction and maintenance of publicly accessible trails in Placer County; and,

**WHEREAS**, Placer Land Trust's capital campaign will create new trails, expand the varied recreational opportunities for residents and visitors, which contribute to the health and well-being of citizens, as well as contribute to the economy of Placer County and its renowned quality of life; and,

**WHEREAS**, Placer Land Trust has already acquired and protected thousands of acres in Placer County that are suitable for the development of such trails and wishes to make this land available to the public for suitable recreational use; and,

**WHEREAS**, some of the Placer Land Trust properties are adjacent to publicly owned property, and are currently intended to be used for multi-purpose public recreation and which would enable trail connections between and among such properties including the County's Hidden Falls Regional Park; and

**WHEREAS**, the Placer County Board of Supervisors, in partnership with Placer Land Trust and other organizations, has invested in open space and trails for many years resulting in benefits for hikers, runners, equestrians and bicyclists with the County's funding to support such trails and open space amenities at Hidden Falls Regional Park alone now exceeding \$200,000 annually; and,

**WHEREAS**, the County's development of the Placer County Conservation Plan will also permanently protect thousands of acres of lands for multiple conservation purposes that will include open space and opportunities to provide trails and recreation amenities, and the County intends to work closely with private entities, such as Placer Land Trust, to successfully implement the Placer County Conservation Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, the Placer Land Trust has benefitted the public by adding to the abundance of protected open space and opportunities for recreation amenities, without cost to the tax payers of Placer County.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Placer County Board of Supervisors lends its support to Placer Land Trust's capital campaign intended to raise private funds for trails and open space amenities, and further supports the goal of creating over 20 miles of additional publicly accessible multi-purpose trails.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Board of Supervisors intends, as funds are available and when priorities of the County allow, to continue its commitment to support publicly accessible, multi-purpose trails including trail expansion projects identified by Placer Land Trust's capital campaign and to continue its partnership with Placer Land Trust in furtherance of those projects.

**FURTHERMORE**, the success of the Placer Land Trust's capital campaign will achieve an expanded public trail network by the construction of new trails and public recreation amenities which will add to the quality of life of Placer County's residents and visitors.

