

MEMORANDUM
OFFICE OF THE
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF PLACER

TO: Honorable Board of Supervisors

FROM: Jack Duran, Supervisor District 1

DATE: April 8, 2014

SUBJECT: **COMMENDATION** - Approve and present a commendation recognizing Jim Durfee for twenty eight years of dedicated service to the County of Placer and the citizens of Placer County.

ACTION REQUESTED

Approve and present a commendation recognizing Jim Durfee for twenty eight years of dedicated service to the County of Placer and the citizens of Placer County.

BACKGROUND

Jim Durfee, a fourth generation resident of Placer County, provided twenty eight years of exemplary service to the County and its citizens through his positions with the Department of Facility Services and County Executive Office.

Jim Durfee served over twenty seven years with the Department of Facility Services having the unique distinction of working in all but one of the department divisions; Jim began his career in the Parks Division, then moving to Building Maintenance, Capital Improvements, Property Management, Solid Waste, and ultimately in Administration as the Department Director. Due to this vast experience, Jim led the Department with great vision and purpose; Jim loved mentoring staff and watching their growth and development; Jim established lasting relationships with co-workers, agencies, community constituents.

Jim was instrumental in many of the County's most noteworthy projects including numerous hazardous material abatement projects, the Comprehensive Facilities Master Plan, multiple Regional Sewer Projects and provided leadership for the development of projects such as the Eastern Regional Landfill Closure, the Community Development Resource Center, Auburn Justice Center, Bill Santucci Justice Center, the Children's Emergency Shelter, South Placer Adult Correctional Facility, Colfax Library Renovation, Rocklin Library, Dry Creek Community Park, Ron L. Feist Park, Franklin School Community Park, Traylor Ranch, Hidden Falls Regional Park and the 442nd World War II Memorial Monument.

Jim served the Western Placer Waste Management Authority for more than sixteen years, serving eight years as its Executive Director, leaving a legacy of excellent management and leadership which will endure for decades to come. Jim completed his career in the County Executive Office as Director of Special Projects taking advantage of his keen political acumen.

Jim is an active member of his community; Jim works with non-profits and children's organizations in his free time, and his broad and diverse interests include: hunting, cowboy poetry, auto racing, music, literature, quad runners, traveling, hiking, and golf. Jim is a wonderful father and is married to his high-school sweetheart Peggy.

FISCAL IMPACT

None

**APRIL 8, 2014, IN THE MATTER OF A COMMENDATION RECOGNIZING
JIM DURFEE FOR TWENTY EIGHT YEARS OF DEDICATED PUBLIC SERVICE
TO PLACER COUNTY AND ITS CITIZENS**

WHEREAS, Jim Durfee, a fourth generation resident of Placer County, provided twenty eight years of exemplary service to the County and its citizens through his positions with the Department of Facility Services and County Executive Office; and

WHEREAS, Jim Durfee served over twenty seven years with the Department of Facility Services having the unique distinction of working in all but one of the department divisions; Jim began his career in the Parks Division, then moving to Building Maintenance, Capital Improvements, Property Management, Solid Waste, and ultimately in Administration as the Department Director; and

WHEREAS, due to this vast experience, Jim led the Department with great vision and purpose; Jim loved mentoring staff and watching their growth and development; Jim established lasting relationships with co-workers, agencies; and community constituents; and

WHEREAS, Jim was instrumental in many of the County's most noteworthy projects including numerous hazardous material abatement projects, the Comprehensive Facilities Master Plan, multiple Regional Sewer Projects and provided leadership for the development of projects such as the Eastern Regional Landfill Closure, the Community Development Resource Center, Auburn Justice Center, Bill Santucci Justice Center, the Children's Emergency Shelter, South Placer Adult Correctional Facility, Colfax Library Renovation, Rocklin Library, Dry Creek Community Park, Ron L. Feist Park, Franklin School Community Park, Traylor Ranch, Hidden Falls Regional Park and the 442nd World War II Memorial Monument; and

WHEREAS, Jim served the Western Placer Waste Management Authority for more than sixteen years, serving eight years as its Executive Director, leaving a legacy of excellent management and leadership which will endure for decades to come; and

WHEREAS, Jim completed his career in the County Executive Office as Director of Special Projects taking advantage of his keen political acumen; and

WHEREAS, Jim is an active member of his community; Jim works with non-profits and children's organizations in his free time, and his broad and diverse interests include: hunting, cowboy poetry, auto racing, music, literature, quad runners, traveling, hiking, and golf. Jim is a wonderful father and is married to his high-school sweetheart Peggy.

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE KNOWN that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Placer, on behalf of the citizens of Placer County, with great appreciation, acknowledges the exceptional service of Jim Durfee and wish both he and his wife Peggy a fulfilling retirement and great success with their future endeavors.

Jack Duran, Supervisor District 1
Chairman 2014

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