

**MEMORANDUM**  
OFFICE OF THE  
**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**  
COUNTY OF PLACER

TO: Honorable Board of Supervisors  
FROM: Jim Holmes, Supervisor District 3  
DATE: July 07, 2015  
SUBJECT: **COMMENDATION** – Approve and Present a Commendation to George Beland for his contribution to Placer County and the Greater Auburn Area.

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**ACTION REQUESTED**

Approve and Present a Commendation to George Beland for his contribution to Placer County and the Greater Auburn Area.

**BACKGROUND**

George Beland was raised in Vallejo and moved to Auburn in 1955 with his wife Joyce. George served two terms as the Mayor of the City of Auburn, in 1982 and in 1986. George also served on the Placer County Board of Supervisors from 1988 to 1992.

George spearheaded movements that led to the creation of Save Auburn Ravine Steelhead and Salmon (SARSAS) and Protect the American River Canyon (PARC), and he was instrumental in daylighting North Rich Ravine, which made way for the School Park Preserve in downtown Auburn, and worked tirelessly to create a walking path along Auburn Ravine in Auburn.

During his time as a County Supervisor, George Beland was instrumental in creating a Wetlands Committee, advocating for the adoption of the Placer County Tree Preservation Ordinance, and he also traveled to Washington D.C. to speak in support of protecting the American River Canyon.

Those who have had the great opportunity to work alongside George Beland praise his kindness and determination in accomplishing conservation projects that make Placer County a better place to live, and also consider him a visionary when it comes to natural resource and open space preservation.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

None.

**JULY 07, 2015 IN THE MATTER OF A COMMENDATION HONORING  
GEORGE BELAND FOR HIS CONTRIBUTION TO PLACER COUNTY  
AND THE GREATER AUBURN AREA**

**WHEREAS**, George Beland was raised in Vallejo and moved to Auburn in 1955 with his wife Joyce. George served two terms as the Mayor of the City of Auburn, in 1982 and in 1986, and also served on the Placer County Board of Supervisors from 1988 to 1992; and

**WHEREAS**, George became interested in preserving Placer County's natural resources and beauty and worked to build momentum within the community to identify and protect streams, wetlands, and other natural areas, and he worked with other community members and local government agencies to create open spaces for people to use and enjoy; and

**WHEREAS**, George spearheaded movements that led to the creation of Save Auburn Ravine Steelhead and Salmon (SARSAS) and Protect the American River Canyon (PARC). George was instrumental in daylighting North Rich Ravine, which made way for the School Park Preserve in downtown Auburn, and he worked tirelessly to create a walking path along Auburn Ravine in Auburn; and

**WHEREAS**, during his time as a County Supervisor, George Beland was instrumental in creating a Wetlands Committee, and in advocating for the adoption of the Placer County Tree Preservation Ordinance. George also traveled to Washington D.C. to speak in support of protecting the American River Canyon; and

**WHEREAS**, those who have had the great opportunity to work alongside George Beland praise his kindness and determination in accomplishing conservation projects that make Placer County a better place to live, and also consider him a visionary when it comes to natural resource and open space preservation.

**NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE KNOWN THAT** the Placer County Board of Supervisors acknowledges George Beland for his years of community service and his dedication to preserving precious natural resources and open spaces in Placer County.

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