

MEMORANDUM
OFFICE OF THE
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF PLACER

TO: Honorable Board of Supervisors

FROM: F.C. "Rocky" Rockholm, Supervisor District 1
Mike Boyle, Assistant County Executive Officer

DATE: March 24, 2009

SUBJECT: PROCLAMATION – Approve a Proclamation declaring April 18-26, 2009 as "Creek Week" in Placer County.

ACTION REQUESTED

Approve a Proclamation declaring April 18-26, 2009 as "Creek Week" in Placer County.

BACKGROUND/COMMUNITY BENEFITS

Once again the Board is being asked to approve a Proclamation recognizing April 18 – 26 as "Creek Week" in Placer County. Each year during the month of April, many counties throughout the United States dedicate a specific week to recognize their various creeks. This annual event is dedicated to the preservation of creeks within Placer County that offer a wealth of natural resources and beauty to our community members and the visitors to our area. The events throughout the week focus on the clean up, preservation and appreciation of these natural resources.

FISCAL IMPACT

None

**In the matter of a Proclamation
declaring April 18 - 26, 2009
as "Creek Week" in Placer County.**

WHEREAS, Placer County is blessed with extensive and diverse natural resources, such as woodlands, forests, grasslands, riparian areas, lakes, rivers, creeks and an assortment of open spaces; and

WHEREAS, the aquatic and riparian habitat in Placer County has been identified as an important conservation target of the Placer Legacy Program; and

WHEREAS, the Creek Week program was initiated fourteen years ago and was designed to encourage the protection, restoration and maintenance of natural streams, with a goal of creating local stewardship and educating the general public on the aesthetic, recreational and ecological values of natural streams; and

WHEREAS, Placer County encompasses miles of creeks, many of which contain litter and debris that must be removed to better ensure their preservation; and

WHEREAS, clean creeks and adjacent vegetation contribute to a safe drinking water supply, provide productive wildlife habitat, add value to property and are vital to a safe storm water drainage system; and

WHEREAS, creeks are natural recreation areas where children can learn to value living things, they also provide attractive green spaces in neighborhoods and offer quiet retreats away from noise and traffic, which are all valued assets of Placer County.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED THAT the Placer County Board of Supervisors does hereby declare April 18 - 26, 2009 as "CREEK WEEK" to emphasize our commitment to protecting the rich resource our creeks provide and encourage all citizens to participate in Creek Week activities planned throughout Placer County.

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