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El Dorado County Fish and Wildlife Commission  
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To the Fish and Wildlife Commission Chair:

The Placer County Fish and Game Commission (PCFCG) recently awarded a \$1,000 grant to Gold Country Wildlife Rescue as part of our annual program. Gold Country Wildlife Rescue presented a report on its 2023 activities.

In that presentation, available at <https://youtu.be/H2DpVvwRwXE?si=66PUjNgsAgIW9eaW>, the PCFCG learned that Gold Country Wildlife Rescue serves as a *regional resource* for surrounding counties. Gold Country Wildlife Rescue operates 365 days a year, so when wildlife rescue and support services in the counties of Yuba, El Dorado, Nevada, and Sacramento Counties close for the season, Gold Country Wildlife Rescue fills the gap.

Gold Country Wildlife Rescue receives songbirds, raptors, a variety of mammals, and reptiles. The 2023 statistics show that of all the birds and animals brought into the facility, their origins divide into:

- Placer County                                      56.6%
- Sacramento County                              16.2%
- Nevada County                                    13.5%
- El Dorado County                                 4.5%
- Yuba County                                        4.5%
- 20 other counties combined                 4.6%

Placer County rents a facility to Gold Country Wildlife Rescue and PCFCG provides some financial support through our grant. This only amounts to a small part of the budget. Gold Country Wildlife Rescue relies on donations from the community, volunteers, and partners to provide the services it does.

After seeing the presentation and receiving the report, PCFCG determined it wanted to reach out to our neighboring counties to encourage them to support the services Gold Country Wildlife Rescue provides for the region. We understand that budgets are slim, there are allocation processes, and so forth, but even a little financial support can ensure that Gold Country Wildlife Rescue has enough supplies to tend to the wildlife.

If your Commission does have a process for awarding funds to organizations in alignment with its mission or other methods for support non-profits that provide a community service, we ask that your Commissions/Counties consider provide support to Gold Country Wildlife Rescue. They can be contacted through <https://goldcountrywildliferescue.org/>.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Alexia Retallack, Chair  
Placer County Fish and Game Commission

