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January 10, 2023

Board of Trustees
Orland Cemetery District
PO Box 424
Orland, CA 95963

Subject: County of Glenn Disposition of Cremains Request

Dear Board of Trustees:

On behalf of the Glenn County Board of Supervisors, I wish to request the disposition of cremains at a reduced cost.

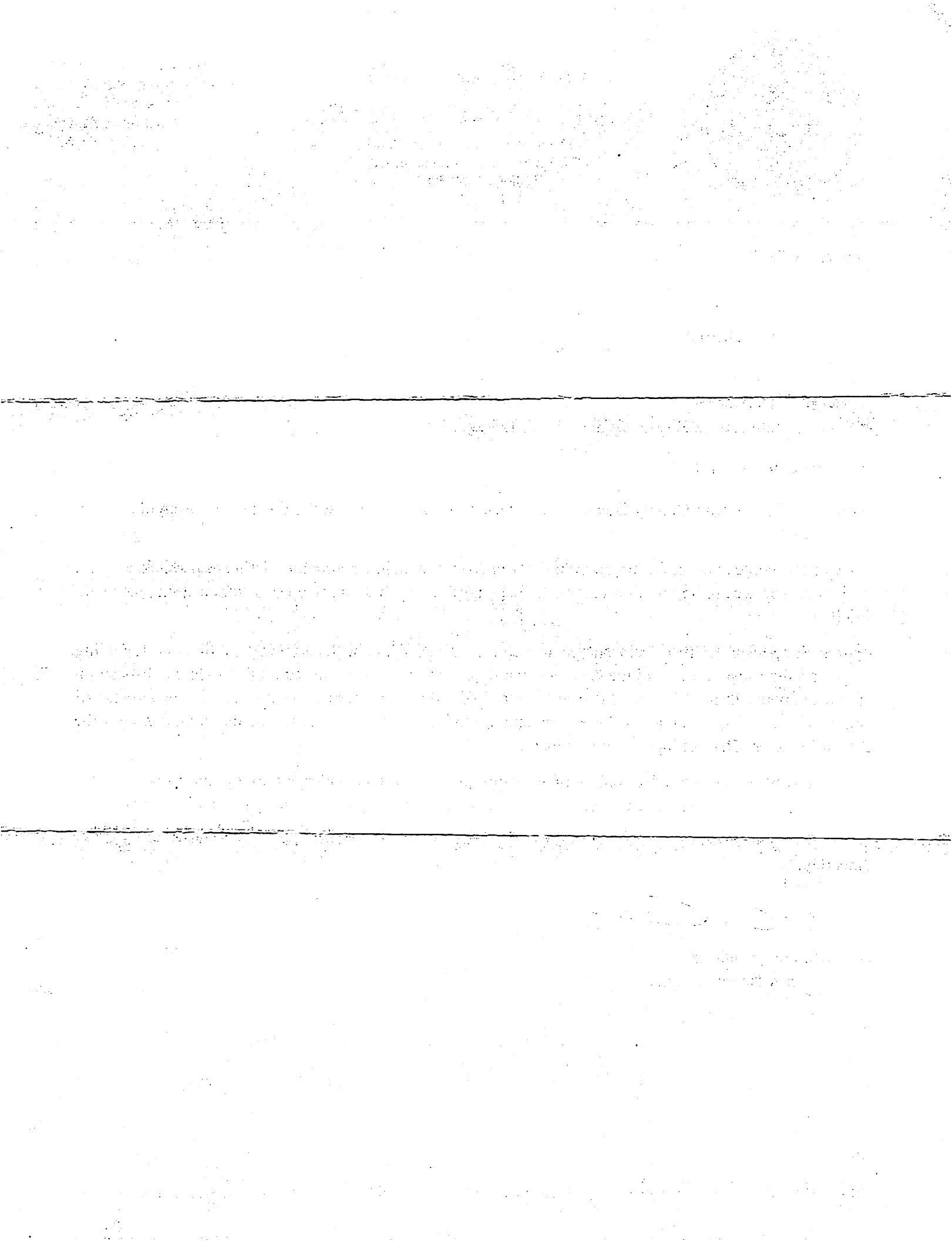
The County of Glenn possesses approximately twenty-four unclaimed cremains, dating as far back as 1968. With your help we are hoping to accomplish the goal of giving these individuals a final resting place with dignity.

Retired Supervisor Keith Corum started the conversations with the local cemetery districts regarding waiving a significant portion of the costs. At that time there were very limited funds to see the disposition of the cremains through. With the effort by retired Supervisor Keith Corum and the generosity of individuals, the County believes there is adequate funding for the disposition of the cremains with the Orland Cemetery Districts approval of reducing the costs.

In an effort to give these individuals a final resting place, please consider approving our request for the disposition of the cremains at a reduced cost. We would greatly appreciate your partnership in this effort. If you have any questions or would like to discuss this further, please contact our office at 530-934-6400.

Sincerely,

Grant Carmon, Chairman
Glenn County Board of Supervisors



Glenn County Disposition of Cremains Request

Brant Mesker <bmesker@countyofglenn.net>
To: Orland Cemetery <orlandcemdist@gmail.com>

Thu, Jan 26, 2023 at 4:05 PM

Good afternoon,

The County currently has a total \$6,504.01 in the Glenn County Interment Fund all the unclaimed cremains the County has to be interred, Orland and Willows.

Retired Supervisor Keith Corum was confident that this was sufficient based on his conversations with the Cemetery Districts.

Our County Administrative Officer, Scott De Moss, is unable to attend the February 14th meeting but would be happy to attend a future meeting if necessary.

Feel free to contact me with any questions.

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19.12.02 General

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It is the policy and responsibility of the County of Glenn to provide for the disposition of unclaimed human remains in a respectful and dignified manner.

19.12.04 Definitions

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As used in this section, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

“County” – shall mean the County of Glenn, State of California.

“Board” – shall mean the Glenn County Board of Supervisors.

“Coroner” – shall mean the Glenn County peace officer with responsibility and authority to carry out the duties specified in the California Government Code, the California Health & Safety Code, and other governing statutes and regulations.

“Cemetery Authority” – shall mean a public cemetery district lying wholly or partly within the County, or other person owning or controlling cemetery lands or property within the County.

“Scattering” – shall mean dispersal of cremated remains at sea, commingling in a designated

area within a cemetery, or in other areas in the county.

“Public Administrator” – shall mean a legally mandated office of Glenn County, who serves in a fiduciary capacity to manage and distribute the assets of county residents who have passed away when no personal representative is appointed.

19.12.06 Policy

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A. The California Health & Safety Code provides that certain persons, in a specified order of hierarchy, have the right to possession and disposition of human remains.

B. The Public Administrator and/or the Coroner shall exert all reasonable efforts to locate an individual(s) who has the legal authority and responsibility for disposing of the remains of the deceased.

C. However, from time-to-time no such persons exist, or such persons who do exist do not have either the will or financial resources to fulfill their obligation for the disposition of the remains. In such cases, the Public Administrator and/or the Coroner shall assume responsibility for the disposal of the remains of the deceased.

1. If the deceased has “sufficient assets,” the duty of disposition of the remains falls to the County’s Public Administrator.

2. In the event the deceased does not have “sufficient assets,” the duty for disposition of the remains falls to the Coroner.

D. In all cases in which the duty for disposition of the remains falls to the County or an official of the County, the County shall accept custody and disposition of only those remains which have been cremated.

E. The remains shall be either interred in the ground or scattered. Interment in the ground shall occur only in an existing and currently operating cemetery. Scattering may occur in an existing cemetery, or in another area of the County meeting the requirements of Health & Safety Code § 7116.

F. The County may enter into a contract with one or more public cemetery districts lying wholly or partly within the County for the interment of cremated remains. The County shall pay the cost of such interment and contribute to the district’s endowment care fund. Such interment may be individual in-ground interment of the remains, or commingling of the remains with others in an ossuary.

G. In the event the County elects to either scatter or inter remains in a public district

cemetery in the County, the County shall also provide a plaque to the cemetery to be displayed in a place and in such matter as stipulated by the district.

H. The Coroner shall maintain records required by the California Government Code.

I. The Public Administrator and/or the Coroner may obtain reimbursement for costs incurred, if sufficient assets are available, pursuant to various provision of the California Government Code.

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Health & Safety Code

filing of a bond pursuant to subdivision (a) or (b) which, while the bond is on file, is not less than the aggregate amount of all moneys in the endowment care fund and special care funds administered by the applicant. If the Cemetery and Funeral Bureau permits exceptions pursuant to this subdivision, it shall adopt procedures to assure that affected bonds do not fall below such amount. (17343)

(d) The trustees or corporate trustee of an endowment care fund or special care fund shall take no action respecting trust funds unless there is on file with the bureau a bond as required by this section. The Cemetery and Funeral Bureau may suspend the certificate of authority of any cemetery authority having endowment or special care funds with respect to which there is no bond on file with the bureau as required by this section, or whenever such a bond falls below the amount required by this section. (17344)

(e) Any state or national bank authorized to engage in the trust business pursuant to Division 1 (commencing with Section 99) of the Financial Code shall be exempt from the requirements of this section. (17345)

8735. A cemetery authority which has established an endowment care fund may take, receive, and hold as a part of or incident to the fund any property, real, personal or mixed, bequeathed, devised, granted, given or otherwise contributed to it for its endowment care fund. (17346)

8736. The endowment care fund and all payments or contributions to it are hereby expressly permitted as and for charitable and eleemosynary purposes. Endowment care is a provision for the discharge of a duty due from the persons contributing to the persons interred and to be interred in the cemetery and a provision for the benefit and protection of the public by preserving and keeping cemeteries from becoming unkept and places of reproach and desolation in the communities in which they are situated. (17347)

8737. No payment, gift, grant, bequest, or other contribution for general endowment care is invalid by reason of any indefiniteness or uncertainty of the persons designated as beneficiaries, nor is the fund or any contribution to it invalid as violating any law against perpetuities or the suspension of the power of alienation of title to property. (17348)

8738. An endowment care cemetery is one which has deposited in its endowment care fund the minimum amounts heretofore required by law and shall hereafter have deposited in its endowment care fund at the time of or not later than completion of the initial sale not less than the following amounts for plots sold or disposed of: (17349)

(a) Four dollars and fifty cents (\$4.50) a square foot for each grave. (17350)

(b) Seventy dollars (\$70) for each niche. (17351)

(c) Two hundred twenty dollars (\$220) for each crypt; provided, however, that for companion crypts, there shall be deposited two hundred twenty dollars (\$220) for the first crypt and one hundred ten dollars (\$110) for each additional crypt. (17352)

(d) Seventy dollars (\$70) for the cremated remains of each deceased person scattered in the cemetery at a garden or designated open area that is not an interment site subject to subdivision (a). (17353)

8738.1. In addition to the requirements of Section 8738 any endowment care cemetery hereafter established shall also have deposited in its endowment care fund the additional sum of twenty-five

Example



King County Indigent Remains Program

The King County Indigent Remains program provides cremation and a proper burial for individuals who are indigent and who have died in King County. This program serves people whose families either could not be located or could not provide for the proper disposition of remains.

Burial process

Decedents in the program are cremated, and then stored in a secure location at the King County Medical Examiner's Office until a ceremony and burial are held, typically every two years. The decedents are buried in individual containers in shared plots, and records are kept for each one so that they may be recovered at a later point in time if a family member requests.

Eligibility

The King County Indigent Remains program provides funding for cremation for individuals who are indigent and who have died in King County. Eligibility for this program is made after a next-of-kin search, notification and a thorough review of personal finances. This process normally takes approximately 90 days.

2022 ceremony

On Wednesday, August 24, 2022, 11:00 am, 240 individuals will be remembered at Mt. Olivet Cemetery, 100 Blaine Avenue NE, in Renton.

The public is invited to the ceremony, which will include burial rites, prayers from clergy, a memorial plaque and memories shared by friends.

The names of the individuals for the August 24, 2022 burial are listed below.

AHMED, Fouad
ALLEN, Andrew
ALLEN, Ernest
ALLEN III, Robert
ANDRES, Joel
ANDRUS, Sabrina
ASKEW, Dougias
Baby Girl DENUEL
Baby DONALDSON

GONZALEZ, Robert
GOODMAN, Ronald
GOODS, Kevin
GREEN, Fernando
GREEN, William
GRIFFITHS, John
GRIGGS, Suzanne
GROGAN, J.T.
GUISNESS, Frank

NOVAK, Gregory
OLNEY, Brandon
PAK, Yong
PARN, Fou
PARSON, Quincy
PARSONS, Wayne
PATTERSON, Roy
PATTERSON, Victor
PENDELL, Willice

Table 1: Required Minimum Deposits for Endowment Care

Type of Interment Space	Minimum Deposit
Graves ¹	\$117
Crypts ²	
Single	\$220
Each Additional Companion Crypt	\$110
Niches ³	\$70
Scattering of Cremated Remains ⁴	\$70

Source: Health and Safety Code, Section 8738.

¹ A "Grave" is a space of earth, used, or intended to be used, for the disposition of human remains. State law requires cemeteries to deposit a minimum of \$4.50 per square foot for each grave they sell. The amount shown above assumes a grave size of 26 square feet ($\$4.50 \times 26 = \117).

² A "Crypt" is a space, used or intended to be used, to entomb uncremated human remains.

³ A "Niche" is a space used, or intended to be used, for the placement of cremated human remains.

⁴ A "Scattering," for this report, is defined as the authorized dispersal of cremated remains in a defined area within a licensed cemetery.

State law further requires cemetery endowment care trust funds to be kept entirely separate from other cemetery funds, and requires each cemetery to appoint trustees to manage the trusts. These trustees are subject to various requirements, including the following duties:

- Administer the trust with reasonable care, skill, and caution.
- Adhere to investment requirements, including the duty to preserve trust property and make it productive.
- Take reasonable steps to defend actions that may result in a loss to the trust, including setting aside a reasonable percentage of the income from the trust to replace principal investment losses.

Ultimately, the intent of endowment care is to ensure privately-owned cemeteries are properly maintained, even after they have sold all of their interment spaces. State law defines endowment care as the following:

Endowment care is a provision for the discharge of a duty due from the persons contributing to the persons interred and to be interred in the cemetery and a provision for the benefit and protection of the public by preserving and keeping cemeteries from becoming unkept and places of reproach and desolation in the communities in which they are situated.

- Source: California Health and Safety Code, Section 8736.

At essence, endowment care is like a retirement account for each privately-owned cemetery, with the beneficiaries being those interred in the cemetery and the general public. The core deposits added to the trust over a cemetery's economic lifetime form the principal from which