

COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA A RESOLUTION OF COMMENDATION TO COLONEL THOMAS H. MAGNESS, IV CALIFORNIA

WHEREAS, Colonel Thomas H. Magness has been the Commander and District Engineer of the Los Angeles District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers since July 10, 2007, and

WHEREAS, during Colonel Magness' tenure at the Los Angeles District, he consistently advocated for projects in Santa Barbara County that would protect life and property, and maintain the quality of life for County residents, and

WHEREAS, through Colonel Magness' leadership and perseverance, the Corps completed a Deficiency Report on the Santa Maria River Levee that ultimately lead to the availability of \$40 million of federal stimulus funding in which that work is now underway, and

WHEREAS, Colonel Magness also helped secure funding that would allow the Corps to complete the final design of the Lower Mission Creek Project, putting that project in line for the long awaited construction, and

WHEREAS, Colonel Magness provided unmatched leadership in promoting projects, customer service, and delivering the highest level of quality from the Corps, including personally answering emails from County staff at 4:00 a.m. during flood flows on the Santa Maria River, and

WHEREAS, Colonels Magness' assignment as Commander and District Engineer of the Los Angeles District will conclude on June 30, 2010, and

WHEREAS, while Colonel Magness' departure is unfortunate, his leadership will have forever left a mark in Santa Barbara County; and

WHEREAS, Colonel Magness will now further serve our Country by beginning a one-year tour in Afghanistan.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors hereby honors and extends its deepest thanks to Colonel Thomas H. Magness for his service to our Country and to the citizens of Santa Barbara County and wishes him and his family the best and looks forward to his safe return.

PASSED AND ADOPTED, Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara, State of California this 1st day of June, 2010 by unanimous vote of all members present.

ATTEST:

Clerk of the Dosird

Supervisor - 1st District
Supervisor - 2nd District
Supervisor - 3rd District
Supervisor - 4th District

Supervisor - 5th District