

Santa Barbara County of

RESOLUTION OF COMMENDATION HONORING JODDI LEIPNER FOR OVER 30 YEARS OF COUNTY SERVICE

WHEREAS, Joddi Leipner began her distinguished career with the County of Santa Barbara over 29 years ago on January 27, 1997 initially lending her expertise to the Planning & Development Department in Long Range Planning, the Energy Division, and the Division of Environmental Review; and

WHEREAS, Joddi transferred to the Resource Recovery & Waste Management Division (RRWMD) of the Public Works Department on February 27, 2006 where she served as a dedicated environmental steward, guiding the Division through its most complex infrastructure challenges including the Tajiguas Landfill Reconfiguration, the Tajiguas Resource Recovery Project, and the Tajiguas Landfill Capacity Increase Project; and

WHEREAS, her expertise was equally vital to the Laguna County Sanitation District, where she successfully managed the environmental review and permitting components of the District's Master Plan, ensuring that essential sanitation upgrades could proceed in strict compliance with federal conservation standards; and

WHEREAS, Joddi's work on the Baron Ranch mitigation project proved that mandatory habitat restoration can be done with a touch of hospitality, ensuring regulatory satisfaction while providing excellent, move-in-ready accommodations for the California red-legged frog and the Crotch's bumblebee; and

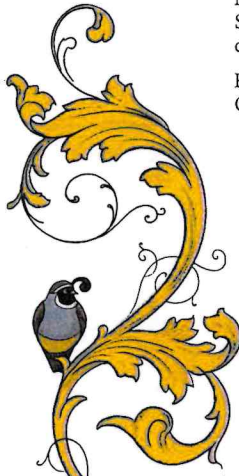
WHEREAS, Joddi's role required a rare mix of intellect and grit—whether she was rowing a biologist around a sediment basin in a rubber raft in the middle of the night to rescue frogs, or learning valuable field lessons such as "don't stop moving in quick mud" and "credit cards are great for removing stinging nettle spines"; and

WHEREAS, Joddi is looking forward to an active retirement filled with bike riding, cross-country skiing, and hiking national parks—leaving just enough room to perhaps finally entertain her husband's hopeful suggestion of cooking lessons between adventures; and

WHEREAS, Joddi's legacy will be carried on by the colleagues she mentored and the habitats she restored. She will be supported in this new chapter by her husband, David Huerta, and her daughter, Aliyah Huerta-Leipner, whom Joddi once recruited to help with community planting days at the Foothill Open Space;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara does hereby acknowledge the resolution of commendation honoring Joddi Leipner for over 29 years of outstanding County service.

PASSED AND ADOPTED, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara, State of California, this 7th day of April, 2026 by a unanimous vote of all members present.



Maria Iniguez
ATTEST: Clerk of the Board

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