

**RESOLUTION OF COMMENDATION FOR)
RICK HOWELL FOR 33 YEARS OF SERVICE)
TO THE COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA)**

WHEREAS, Rick Howell began County employment on December 15, 1969 joining the Flood Control District as an Engineering Technician; and

WHEREAS, Rick Howell has contributed significantly to the emergency flood response efforts related to County flooding events of 1971, 1978, 1983, January 1995, March 1995 and 1998; and

WHEREAS, Rick Howell has contributed significantly to the emergency response efforts related to the Romero Fire of 1971, the Sycamore Fire of 1977, the Eagle Fire of 1979, the Painted Cave Fire of 1990, and the Marre´ Fire of 1993; and

WHEREAS, Rick Howell has admirably participated in the planning, design and/or construction of most every facility constructed by the Flood Control District since his employment; and

WHEREAS, Rick Howell has successfully bridged the technology gap of the past 33 years from drafting boards, pencils, and T-squares to AUTOCADD computer systems; and

WHEREAS, Rick Howell’s memory contains and retrieves vital archival information superior to any high tech system available on the market; and

WHEREAS, Rick Howell has faithfully served the people of Santa Barbara County to the highest standards and is respected throughout the Public Works Department for his abilities; and

WHEREAS, Rick Howell will retire on December 22, 2002 having 33 years of service with the Flood Control District;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that on behalf of the people of the County of Santa Barbara the Board of Supervisors, thanks Rick Howell for his public service and wishes him and his wife Carol the best in his retirement.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara, State of California, this 3rd day of December 2002, by unanimous vote of all members present.