

**RESOLUTION OF COMMENDATION)
TO THE USDA NATURAL RESOURCES)
CONSERVATION SERVICE)**

WHEREAS, the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) is a federal agency under the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), and

WHEREAS, the NRCS is a service orientated agency that provide assistance to agriculture and local public agencies, and

WHEREAS, the NRCS has programs to provide for regional flood control projects and emergency response projects after fires and floods, and

WHEREAS, the NRCS has funded and constructed millions of dollars worth of flood control projects in cooperation with Santa Barbara County including projects in Carpinteria, Buellton, Lompoc, and countless other projects on private property all over the County, and

WHEREAS, the NRCS administers the Emergency Watershed Protection Program which has funded emergency efforts following fires such as the Painted Cave Fire and the Marre Fire, and

WHEREAS, in the wake of the Gap Fire, the NRCS, yet again, came to Santa Barbara County's aide by funding a significant portion of the County's Emergency Response Efforts in preparation for this winter, and

WHEREAS, Charles Davis, Bill Ward, Matthew Pawlak, and John Bechtold have played an integral role in helping Santa Barbara County not only this year, but in many years in the past.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County extends its heartfelt appreciation to the Natural Resources Conservation Service, and its staff, for their service and assistance to the residents of Santa Barbara County.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara, State of California, this 18th day of November, 2008, by unanimous vote of all members present.