

**RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION &
SAFETY AWARD**

To: The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Employee's
Nancy Ward, Alessandro Amaglio, Casey Deshong, Neil England and Daryl Wait
State Governor's Office of Emergency Services (OES) Employee's
Paul Jacks, Charles Rabamad and Richard Lawson

WHEREAS, February 1998 was the month in which the County received the most rainfall ever recorded to that date or, nearly 600% of normal rainfall along the southcoast identified as the El Niño; and,

WHEREAS, flooding caused severe damage to the residents and infrastructure in the Cities of Carpinteria, Santa Barbara, Goleta, Lompoc, Buellton, Solvang, Santa Ynez Valley, Santa Maria and Guadalupe; and

WHEREAS, the County of Santa Barbara was proclaimed to be in a State of Emergency by Governor Wilson on February 6, 1998 followed by a Presidential Disaster Declaration on February 9, 1998; and

WHEREAS, the County's road system suffered \$15 million dollars in damage to the Transportation infrastructure, \$3 million dollars damage to flood control, \$1 million dollars damage to County Parks, and five hundred thousand dollars in emergency measures for Sheriff and County Fire; and

WHEREAS, of 41 Counties in California, Santa Barbara County has received the largest total for the 1998 Disaster reimbursements from Federal and State Government and,

WHEREAS, FEMA and State OES recommended, approved and funded the replacement of the Gaviota Beach Road Bridge as a Hazard Mitigation Project to save and protect lives for those who traveled to Gaviota State Park or were Hollister Ranch Residents; and

WHEREAS, FEMA and State OES did not abandon the County during eight years of environmental reviews, numerous project development team meetings, and time extension requests, but was loyal and mindful of the citizens within the Third Supervisorial District, visitors to the Gaviota State Park and Hollister Ranch guests and Residents, hopeful for a just and right outcome.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara, State of California, this 17th day of October 2006 by unanimous vote of all members present that you are examples of outstanding public service through your tireless efforts to represent your agencies with dignity, honor and pride. We hereby bestow upon you this Safety Award for your attempt to give the Citizens of Santa Barbara County a safe all weather bridge at Gaviota State Park and this Resolution of Honor for assisting the County with \$11. 8 million dollars in State and Federal disaster recovery grants with all our thanksgiving for your efforts on behalf of all the Citizens of Santa Barbara County.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara, State of California, this 17th day of October by unanimous vote of all members present.