

COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA CALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION HONORING KATE REES
UPON HER RETIREMENT FROM THE
CACHUMA OPERATION & MAINTENANCE BOARD

WHEREAS, Kate Rees has retired from the Cachuma Operation & Maintenance Board (COMB) after eighteen years of dedicated service that included her having the distinction of being the first woman to hold the post of General Manager, beginning in 2006; and

WHEREAS, Kate Rees demonstrated exceptional leadership in her efforts to enhance and protect Lake Cachuma, the South Coast's principle water supply, while successfully meeting the community priority of environmental stewardship and helping the Member Units to be good water purveyors; and

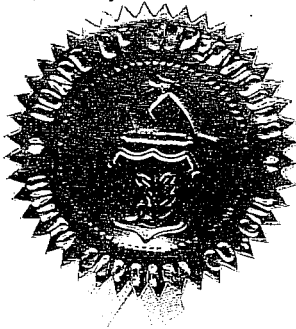
WHEREAS, Kate Rees oversaw the successful implementation of a number of major projects and infrastructure improvements that included maintenance of the South Coast Conduit facilities, developing a preliminary long-term Capital Improvement Program for the 55 year old South Coast Conduit, successfully obtaining \$3.2 million from the State of California's Prop 50 grant program to rehabilitate a portion of the South Coast Conduit water delivery system, and the completion of seismic upgrades of Lauro Dam to withstand major earthquakes in the effort to protect downstream homes, businesses, and properties; and

WHEREAS, Kate Rees successfully worked to increase the height of the radial gates on Bradbury Dam to impound an additional 9000 acre feet of water to assist efforts to recover endangered steelhead trout; and

WHEREAS, Kate Rees continues to serve as the Manager of the Cachuma Conservation Release Board, a joint powers agency formed by the Carpinteria Valley Water District, the City of Santa Barbara, Goleta Water District, and the Montecito Water District that was established to represent its members in protecting their Cachuma Project water rights and other related interests;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED AND RESOLVED that this Board of Supervisors honors Kate Rees upon her retirement from the Cachuma Operations & Maintenance Board and further commends her for leadership and vision to secure the water supply of Lake Cachuma.

Passed and adopted by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California this 4th day of October, 2011 by a unanimous vote of all members present.



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Clerk of the Board