

**A RESOLUTION OF COMMENDATION FOR)
ROBERT B. ALMY III AFTER 24 YEARS OF)
DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE COUNTY OF)
SANTA BARBARA)**

WHEREAS, Robert B. Almy will be retiring from County Service on June 15, 2008 after 24 years of dedicated service to the County of Santa Barbara; and

WHEREAS, Rob Almy was first hired by the Resource Management Department of the County as a Energy Specialist and ultimately working to the position of Energy Division Manager overseeing complex oil development projects; and

WHEREAS, on October 15, 1990 Rob Almy took over the County Water Agency and began a 17 year long tenure working on the County's complex water issues including the State Water Project and the Cachuma Project, including the successful extension of the Cachuma Project Contract which serves water to over 150,000 County residents; and

WHEREAS, Rob Almy helped develop the County's Project Clean Water Program and ultimately lead the County to receive the required Phase II NPDES permit, being the first agency to be under permit in the County; and

WHEREAS, Rob Almy more recently helped lead the County and a consortium of Cities and Districts to be in line to receive \$25 million in Prop 50 Grant funds, culminating a two year long effort of coordination and preparation for the grant process, and

WHEREAS, Rob Almy is recognized as being the County's "Water Czar" due to his knowledge and deep understanding of the County's complex water issues including the State Water Project, the Cachuma Project, the Twitchell Project, Groundwater Issues, and Water Conservation Programs; and

WHEREAS, Rob Almy's expertise in these complex water issues will be greatly missed.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors for the County of Santa Barbara, State of California hereby extends its appreciation to Rob Almy for his 24 years of dedicated service to the people of Santa Barbara County, and wishes him the best in future endeavors.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara, State of California, this 3rd day of June, 2008, by unanimous vote of all members present.