

COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA CALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION OF COMMENDATION
FOR MITCHELL MEDEIROS AND
ELIZABETH MASON
EMPLOYEES OF THE MONTH
SANTA BARBARA COUNTY – MAY 2008

WHEREAS, the Parks Department has selected Mitchell Medeiros (Mitch) and Elizabeth (Liz) Mason as Santa Barbara County's May 2008 Employees of the Month for their outstanding efforts toward public service and development and implementation of the Quagga Mussel prevention program at Lake Cachuma;

WHEREAS, Mitchell Medeiros has been employed by the Santa Barbara County Park Department since 1979 where he began his career as a maintenance worker at Lake Cachuma. Mitch worked his way up the organizational ladder to his present position as Team Project Leader in charge of the operations at Lake Cachuma and has dedicated himself to providing quality recreational services to the thousands of annual visitors to the lake;

WHEREAS, Mitch has shown both innovation and creativity in accomplishing short and long term goals even though challenged with diminishing resources and increased service demands;

WHEREAS, Mitch has placed customer service and satisfaction as a priority for staff and continues to look for process improvements to further enhance the visitor's experience.

WHEREAS, Elizabeth Mason, began her career for the Santa Barbara County Park Department in 1995 as the Assistant Naturalist at Lake Cachuma and was promoted to Naturalist in 2003,

WHEREAS, Liz's efforts in educating and interpreting the historical and natural science of the Lake Cachuma Recreation is widely renown and appreciated by the thousands of visitors and school children who have had the pleasure of participating in one of the nature walks or lake tours led by Liz;

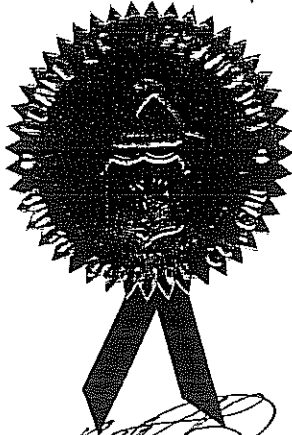
WHEREAS, Liz exhibits a true love of her job and the lake and its natural surroundings and instills in others the importance of appreciating and protecting the natural environment,

WHEREAS, Mitch and Liz were instrumental in researching, development and implementation of preventative programs for the introduction of the invasive Quagga Mussel into Lake Cachuma. Their hard work and diligence to gather and disseminate information regarding the Quagga Mussel was admirable given the time constraints and the urgency of the associated issues;

WHEREAS, Mitch and Liz were the lead team in developing and implementing Quagga inspection and training protocols for the employees, whereby assuring the recreating boating public continued access to one of the premier recreational lakes in California. Their efforts for this project are admirable given that other agencies facing the Quagga issues are contacting Santa Barbara County for guidance and protocols for development into their own programs rather than face lake closures.

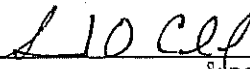
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED that this Board of Supervisors recognizes Mitchell Medeiros and Elizabeth for their exceptional and continuous contributions.

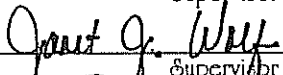
PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara, State of California, this 13th of May, 2008, by unanimous vote of the members present.

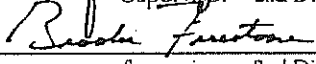


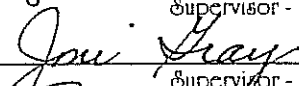
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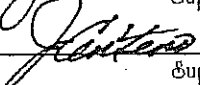

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