

# COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA

RESOLUTION OF COMMENDATION TO THE GOVERNOR'S  
OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES EMPLOYEES PAUL  
JACKS, MICHAEL SABBAGHIAN, CHARLES RABAMAD,  
WILLIAM LLEWELLYN, AND PETER CRASE

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WHEREAS, on July 4, 2007 the Zaca Fire started north of Los Olivos and burned over 240,000 acres the second largest fire in California history; and

WHEREAS, due to the Zaca Fire the County activated the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) starting July 4, 2007 and continued up to September 15, 2007 wherein County personnel from many Departments were part of the emergency operations twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week; and

WHEREAS, Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger came to the Santa Barbara County EOC and proclaimed Santa Barbara County to be in a State of Emergency on August 4, 2007 followed by the Governor's Office of Emergency Services staff to assist the County with recovery; and

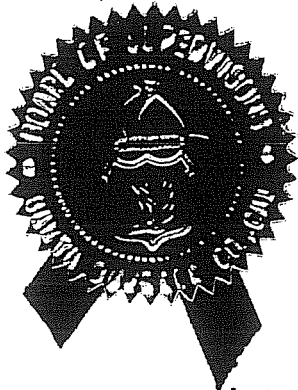
WHEREAS, the County suffered significant financial losses during this extended emergency period and now face emergency flood control needs for debris removal, emergency measures to stop debris flow into Lake Cachuma, and emergency measures to redirect flood waters away from the Santa Maria River Levee; and

WHEREAS, the Governor's Office of Emergency Service Michael Sabbaghian has joined in weekly telephone conferences to the County, City of Santa Barbara, and Special Districts best advising the various agencies how to manage the fire disaster recovery for eligibility concerning funding and even personally flew down to Santa Barbara County to meet with the County and members of the United States Forestry Service concerning the serious watershed issues; and

WHEREAS, while the United States Corps of Engineers nor the National Resources Conservation Service could find a way to fund the emergency watershed work needed to address the threat of the Zaca Fire, the Governor's Office of Emergency Services did find a way to fund this emergency measure, and has begun funding \$2.2 million in emergency reimbursement and damage restoration projects.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara, State of California, expresses its deepest appreciation to the Governor's Office of Emergency Services employees for their professionalism, assistance, leadership, and guidance for the Zaca Fire and follow up recovery and emergency measures to the citizens of Santa Barbara County.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara, State of California, on this 20<sup>th</sup> day of November 2007, unanimous vote of all members present.



ATTEST:

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Clerk of the Board

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Supervisor - 1st District

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