

# COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA CALIFORNIA

## RESOLUTION CELEBRATING THE 25<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE GOLETA SLOUGH MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, the Goleta Slough is one of the largest wetland complexes in south central California and contains important coastal habitats and now represents a fraction of its historic area, having been reduced in size by a combination of natural processes and urban development over the past 150 years; and

WHEREAS, the Goleta Slough, whose estuary lies within Goleta Beach County Park, provides critical ecosystem functions and services to our community including floodwater attenuation, fish nursery and food web support, pollutant filtration, groundwater recharge, nutrient cycling, sediment flow, and carbon sequestration; and

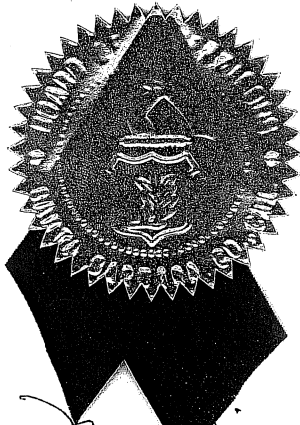
WHEREAS, the Goleta Slough Management Committee, comprised of property owners, public interest groups, and representatives from federal, state, County, special district, and city governments, has provided active leadership in cooperative ecosystem stewardship of Goleta Slough for 25 years, irrespective of jurisdictional boundaries; and

WHEREAS, the Committee, having overseen 36 habitat restoration projects totaling 175 acres and having helped improve projects proposed within the Slough plan area, is an innovator in ecological planning, recently completing the Goleta Slough Area Sea Level Rise and Management Plan to understand and plan for the anticipated sea level rise effects in both the built and natural environments in and around the Goleta Slough; and

WHEREAS, the County of Santa Barbara is a founding and ongoing member of the Committee, with land management, regulatory oversight, public works, and project funding roles in the Goleta Slough area, including maintaining its tidal channels through its Flood Control operations; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED AND RESOLVED the County Board of Supervisors does hereby recognize the Goleta Slough Management Committee for 25 years of voluntary, productive collaboration and outstanding achievement on behalf of the Goleta Slough and its resources.

Passed and adopted by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California this 15<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2016, by a unanimous vote of all members present.



ATTEST:

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Clerk of the Board

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