



COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA CALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION OF COMMENDATION)
HONORING KAREN SULLIVAN)
FOR 13 YEARS OF COUNTY SERVICE)

WHEREAS, Mrs. Karen Sullivan began employment with the Santa Barbara County Flood Control & Water Conservation District on January 12, 2009 as a Civil Engineer. She has fulfilled several different roles within the District's Engineering section, all with a strong work ethic, well-reasoned judgement, attention to detail, critical thinking, teamwork, compassion, and empathy; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Sullivan, as the District's Development Review Engineer, used a combination of her engineering and public relations skills to manage the development of the District's floodplains for the citizens of Santa Barbara County. This role became especially critical while serving those in Montecito rebuilding their homes after the January 9, 2018 debris flow. She accomplished this while mentoring newer staff and adapting to ever increasing regulations and requirements; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Sullivan's work as a Design Engineer delivered numerous major Capital Improvement Projects across the entire County, including the Las Vegas and Pedro Creek Capacity Improvement Project in the Goleta area, the Santa Maria Airport Project, and several fish passage improvement projects that were near and dear to her heart; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Sullivan was never afraid to take on the less glamorous, mundane, tedious or challenging tasks needed to get a project completed, whether that be midnight emergency patrols of the Santa Maria River Levee or submitting grant applications. Her selflessness is indicative of her small-town Central California roots and her perseverance in obtaining her Civil Engineering Degree from UC Berkeley while raising her family; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Sullivan will retire on October 14, 2022 after nearly 13 years of faithful public service to Santa Barbara County and now will have more time to enjoy her grandchildren, the Texas hill country, and finally visiting the Vatican; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED that the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors commends and thanks Mrs. Sullivan for her 13 years of dedicated service to the County and wishes her and her husband John the best in her retirement.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California, this 11th day of October 2022, by unanimous vote of all members present.



ATTEST: Monne Reyesato
Clerk of the Board

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