

**RESOLUTION COMMENDING
UNION ASPHALT
ON LAND RECLAMATION PROJECTS
IN THE SANTA MARIA VALLEY**

WHEREAS; Union Asphalt, a partnership between Coast Rock, owned by Jake Will and Hermreck Construction, owned by Mike Hermreck started mining operations in the Santa Maria and Sisquoc riverbeds in 1957, and has remained in the community for 50 years, and;

WHEREAS; Union Asphalt is required by state law to reclaim land for beneficial use, and;

WHEREAS; Union Asphalt chose a high grade gravel mine site to be transformed into a vineyard, a first for the state of California, having taken preparations for future reclamation before mining operations began, and;

WHEREAS; Union Asphalt began preparations for reclamation before mining began, and is now shaping and clearing the land site for vegetation, and;

WHEREAS; Union Asphalt issued a grant to Cal Poly students to plant vegetation in the slope, eventually to become a vineyard, under Dr. V.L. Holland, former Cal Poly biology professor and;

WHEREAS; Union Asphalt was voted "Business Of The Year 2005" by the Santa Maria Valley Chamber Of Commerce and has 300 employees, and;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED that this Board of Supervisors commends **UNION ASPHALT** for it's forward thinking land reclamation efforts and beneficial projects in the Santa Maria Valley.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California this 26th day of June, 2007 by unanimous vote of all members present.