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# COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA CALIFORNIA

**RESOLUTION OF COMMENDATION  
HONORING RW SCOTT CONSTRUCTION CO.  
AND VINCE LOPEZ JR. AND  
SONS GENERAL ENGINEERING**

**WHEREAS**, the historic winter storms of January and March 2023 resulted in extremely high flows in the Santa Maria River, causing the river to change course and jump its banks in several locations and creating unprecedented flooding in the Guadalupe area West of Highway 1; and

**WHEREAS**, it was necessary in September 2023 to immediately restore the alignment of the Santa Maria River to its original location, ahead of the upcoming El Nino rainy season, in order to protect the community of Guadalupe and the citizens and infrastructure of Santa Barbara County, after receiving only limited State and Federal support to address this issue; and

**WHEREAS**, local contractors RW Scott Construction Company and V. Lopez and Sons General Engineering, both well respected family owned businesses based in the Santa Maria Valley, responded to the County's emergency request for assistance when larger contractors did not, postponing previously scheduled work at great inconvenience, to undertake the monumental task of clearing over one million cubic yards of accumulated sediment and debris and reshaping over 4 miles of riverbed before the November 1, 2023 deadline; and

**WHEREAS**, RW Scott and V. Lopez and Sons procured resources from across the state of California and performed work on a 24 hour a day, 7 day a week basis to insure the County's success to save the City of Guadalupe; and

**WHEREAS**, RW Scott Construction Company and V. Lopez and Sons worked cooperatively under extremely challenging conditions with County Fire, County Public Works, City of Guadalupe, Caltrans, environmental regulators, elected officials, the general public and each other; and

**WHEREAS**, RW Scott and V. Lopez and Sons successfully completed this time constrained project with no accidents, ahead of schedule and under budget.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED** that the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors commends RW Scott Construction Company and V. Lopez Jr. and Sons General Engineering for a job extremely well done and thanks them for their hard work and dedication to their community.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California, this 7th day of November 2023, by unanimous vote of all members present.



ATTEST:

*Maureen Dreyfuss*  
Clerk of the Board

*Pat Williams*  
Supervisor - 1st District

*Mark Carr*  
Supervisor - 2nd District

*Joel Bantner*  
Supervisor - 3rd District

*Bob Abou*  
Supervisor - 4th District

*G. Swain*  
Supervisor - 5th District