

## COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA CALIFORNIA

**RESOLUTION HONORING** 

PATRICIA (PAT) SALEY, FOR HER TWO DECADES OF SERVICE AS THE FACILITATOR OF THE GOLETA SLOUGH MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE, AND HER LEADERSHIP ON OTHER LOCAL PLANNING ISSUES IN SANTA BARBARA COUNTY

WHEREAS, Pat Saley has resided in Santa Barbara since in 1972 where she subsequently graduated from UCSB with a degree in Environmental Studies, emphasis in Biology; and

WHEREAS, Pat has worked as a staff member, consultant, or facilitator for a plethora of public agencies, special districts, committees, and non-profit organizations, including the California Coastal Commission, Santa Barbara County, Carpinteria and Santa Barbara School Districts, SBCAG, UCSB and the City of Goleta; and

WHEREAS, Goleta Slough is an important coastal wetland habitat performing critical ecosystem services to our community including flood attenuation, fish nursery and food web support, pollutant filtration, groundwater recharge, nutrient cycling, sediment flow, and carbon sequestration; and

WHEREAS, Pat-led the Committee fearlessly and with ease, humor and grace as it grappled with a wide variety of complex land use and natural resource issues for over three decades, including studies demonstrating the reduced risk tidal wetlands provide relative to non-tidal depressions for bird-airplane strike hazards (BASH) and conducting an epic high-tide floodgate opening experiment in 1997 to demonstrate the inland reach of Slough tidal flows; and

WHEREAS, Pat and the Committee helped devise the 2004 Wetland Restoration Plan which directed habitat restoration mitigation for the 2006-2007 Airfield Safety Projects. This Plan not only resulted in 40 acres of new or restored wetland and marginal upland habitat restoration, but also facilitated implementation of the Airfield Safety Projects.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED AND RESOLVED that this Board of Supervisors does hereby recognize Pat Saley for over 40 years of exemplary leadership and outstanding achievement working to protect the Goleta Slough and the surrounding community.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California, this 1st day of November 2022, by a unanimous vote of all members present.

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