

*The Board of Supervisors of
Contra Costa County, California*

In the matter of:

Resolution No. 2015/220

Honoring Robert T. Calkins on the Occasion of His Retirement

WHEREAS, Robert T. Calkins (fondly known as Bob) began his career with Contra Costa County on February 25, 2002 as a Principal Planner Level “A” in the former Community Development Department, Redevelopment Division. His responsibilities included managing the federal Community Development Block Grant Program for the County and 14 small cities. The CDBG Program provides \$3 million annually to develop viable urban communities by providing decent housing, a suitable living environment, and expanded economic activities for persons of low income. Bob quickly streamlined many aspects of the CDBG program, which resulted in more predictable outcomes for the recipient nonprofit agencies. He was instrumental in establishing coordinated CDBG activities with the other CDBG entitlement jurisdictions in the County and easing management and reporting burdens for all participants; and

WHEREAS, Bob was promoted on July 1, 2012 to Principal Planner Level “B” in the Department of Conservation and Development. As the CDBG Program Manager, Bob has worked effectively with the Board of Supervisors, community groups and other public agencies to oversee expenditure of substantial federal funding to improve facilities and provide programs and services that benefit communities throughout the County. In addition to his successful CDBG activities, Bob has managed a number of critical and innovative programs including the Park Dedication Fee program and other park funding programs, the Keller Canyon Landfill Mitigation Program, the regulation of alcohol products marketed to youth and the Parklet initiative. Bob’s ability to build positive working relationships and successfully manage a wide range of programs has resulted in well run and effective programs. In October 2012, Bob received Congressional Recognition from Congressman George Miller along with a letter from Senator DeSaulnier for his contribution to the final phase of the remodeling of 15 buildings at the George Miller Centers in Richmond and Concord; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of his strong leadership skills Bob was appointed as Interim Deputy Director in July 2014 and appointed to the permanent position in February 2015. In addition to his continuing leadership role in CDBG, he supervised the diverse Policy Planning Division including key program areas such as transportation, water, solid waste, habitat conservation, advance planning and Geographic Information Systems. Bob received recognition in February 2015 from California County Planning Directors Association for his “distinguished public service and making a difference in the lives of many”; and

WHEREAS, possesses superior abilities and qualities, to carefully manage the granting of public funds including his integrity, thoroughness, thoughtfulness, intelligence and unique capacity to both manage intricate details of various grant programs while not losing sight of the broad and important public purposes for which the funds are intended. Bob has employed these skills to generate significant benefits for the people of Contra Costa County by ensuring public trust in the fairness of the decision making process and maximizing the value of public investment in our communities;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors does hereby recognize and express its appreciation for the career achievements and contributions of Robert Calkins, Deputy Director of the Department of Conservation and Development of the County of Contra Costa, and offer congratulations on a well-deserved retirement from public service.

JOHN GIOIA

Chair,
District I Supervisor

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MARY N. PIEPHO

District III Supervisor

KAREN MITCHOFF

District IV Supervisor

FEDERAL D. GLOVER

District V Supervisor

I hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of an action taken and entered on the minutes of the Board of Supervisors on the date shown.

ATTESTED: June 16, 2015

David J. Twa,

By: _____, Deputy