

# *The Board of Directors of the Contra Costa County Fire Protection District*

In the matter of:

**Resolution No. 2016/84**

**recognizing Tom Barnidge upon his retirement from the Contra Costa Times.**

Whereas, Tom Barnidge has worked for 46 years offering facts, opinions, controversial subject matters, and humor to enlighten, teach and entertain the newspaper reading public; and

Whereas, before Tom became a metro columnist in 2009, he worked for 39 years in sports, mostly writing about fun and games; Tom found the idea of a new job fascinating and full of novel experiences; and

Whereas, Tom's career change provided a wide-eyed world of new experiences, ranging from jailhouse interviews to spending the day with an Animal Services officer where he learned how to rescue a deer caught in a wrought iron fence, interviewing a tattoo artist and attending an open-carry demonstration in which gun rights activists transformed a local sandwich shop into Dodge City; and

Whereas, Tom wrote on a long list of subjects over the course of more than 900 columns, he always stayed a true friend and reporter for the Contra Costa County Consolidated Fire District; and

Whereas, Tom always felt the toughest part of his job was also the most rewarding, knowing enough about both sides of an issue to feel comfortable drawing a conclusion.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that the Fire District Board Members honor and congratulate Tom Barnidge.

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**CANDACE ANDERSEN**

Chair,  
District II Supervisor

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**JOHN GIOIA**

District I Supervisor

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**MARY N. PIEPHO**

District III Supervisor

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**KAREN MITCHOFF**

District IV Supervisor

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**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: February 9, 2016

David J. Twa,

By: \_\_\_\_\_, Deputy