

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

In the matter of:

Resolution No. 2017/295

**Recognizing the contributions of Julia R. Bueren on the occasion of her Retirement from Contra Costa County**

**WHEREAS** Julia Bueren began her career with Contra Costa County in August 1981 as a Jr. Civil Engineer for the Contra Costa County Public Works Department; and promoted up the ranks from Jr. Civil Engineer, to Supervising Civil Engineer in 1993 responsible for the transportation program, including budget, capital improvement program, traffic operations and safety, mitigation fees, advanced planning project development, and regional and statewide coordination relating to transportation policy priorities and financing; and

**WHEREAS** in 1988 Julia was one of the first to have her agency successfully develop and market the Countywide Area of Benefit Program bringing equity to fee levels being charged in unincorporated County and adding significant revenue; and

**Whereas** in 2000 Julia was promoted to Deputy Public Works Director and again promoted in 2007 to Chief Deputy Public Works Director prior to becoming the Public Works Director in 2008 which she has held since then; and

**WHEREAS** in 2004 Julia was awarded Employer of the Year at the Women's Transportation Seminar and has been a strong supporter of encouraging and supporting women in the field of engineering through her interest and participation in Women in Transportation Society (WTS); and

**WHEREAS** in 2008 the California State Association of Counties (CSAC) presented Julia with the CSAC Challenge Merit Award for the Keep the Delta Clean Program; and

**WHEREAS** in 2009 Julia was awarded the Most Valuable Player by the Metropolitan Transportation Commission; and

**WHEREAS** in 2009-2010 during the extreme budget deficit, Julia was an active participant in gathering and providing information within the state to educate not only the public but elected officials on the Highway Users Tax. Julia worked with staff from other counties, CEAC and CSAC to show the uses of this important funding source for the cities and counties throughout the state; and

**WHEREAS** in 2009 Julia received the CSAC Circle of Service Award for going above and beyond in the fight to Save Highway User Tax Account Funds in the 2009-10 State Budget; and

**WHEREAS** in 2008, 2012 and 2016 under Julia's leadership the Department was re-accredited by the American Public Works Association (APWA); and

**WHEREAS** in 2013 Julia was nominated and recognized as the APWA National Top Ten Public Works Leader of the Year by the American Public Works Association; and

**WHEREAS** Julia was instrumental in bringing the Vasco Road Safety Project to the decision makers at Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) presenting the safety concerns on rural roads, which included widening approximately 1 mile of the road to provide southbound passing lane and a concrete median barrier. Her advocacy for safety on these roads helped secure the funding for this project; and

**WHEREAS** in 2009 and 2010 Julia received the Barrel Award, Good Egg Award and First Place in Large Department Category Award from the Contra Costa County Cares Holiday Food Drive; and

**WHEREAS** in 2011 Julia became the first woman President in the 103 year history of the organization of the County Engineers Association of California (CEAC) and in 2006 she helped established the California Honorable Intrepid County Sisters (CHICS); and

**WHEREAS** as an active member of the County Engineers Association of California (CEAC) Julia served on Policy Committees that included the Transportation, Oversight, and Land Use Committees, Julia served as Regional Director for the Central Coast Region from 2004 to 2009, as the Secretary on the Executive Committee in 2009 and as President in 2011, she was also Chair of the Centennial Committee from 2012 to 2013 and in 2014 was recognized with the Ed Hanna Memorial Award as County Engineer of the Year; and

**WHEREAS** in 2008 Julia guided the Public Works Department through the "Great Recession" during a time of severe fiscal hardship; and

**WHEREAS** Julia headed the effort to develop a master plan for the 18 mile abandoned railroad rights of way corridor in Central County, secured by the County in the Mid 1980s, and negotiated an agreement with the East Bay Regional Park District to implement the Iron Horse Trail utilizing the railroad rights of way and the flood control channels rights

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**WHEREAS** in 2012 Julia successfully managed the merger of the Public Works Department and the General Services Department; and

**WHEREAS** Julia is an active member of the National Association of County Engineers (NACE) and served as Vice President of the Western Region from 2014 to 2017 and served as a Representative for City/County/State/Federal Cooperative Committee (CCSFCC) from 2004 to 2012 ; and

**WHEREAS** Julia has served as a mentor to many, including emerging women leaders in the field of engineering and public works and has been a champion in educating the youth on the role of public works, engaging them in what public works does, and getting them interested in possible public works careers; and

**WHEREAS** in 2014 Julia served as the Chair of the City-County Engineering Advisory Committee (CCEAC) and is currently Chair of the Legislative Sub-Committee of the CCEAC who meet monthly to maintain constant and consistent communication regarding public works issues; and

**WHEREAS** Julia is an active member of the Board of Directors for the Kids at Work (KAW), a non-profit infant center and pre-school onsite at the Public Works facility designed to benefit the employees and their children working for Contra Costa County and other public agencies; and

**Whereas** Julia is an avid cyclist and fully appreciates non-motorized transportation modes and has long advocated for bicycle and pedestrian friendly facilities in the County before these policies came into vogue as Traffic Calming, Complete Streets and Smart Growth;

**NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS BY THE BOARD RESOLVED,** that Julia R. Bueren be recognized upon her retirement for 36 years of dedicated service to Contra Costa County and for the high quality of work performed by her during her career.

**FEDERAL D. GLOVER**  
Chair, District V Supervisor

**JOHN GIOIA**  
District I Supervisor

**CANDACE ANDERSEN**  
District II Supervisor

**DIANE BURGIS**  
District III Supervisor

**KAREN MITCHOFF**  
District IV 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: August 15, 2017

David J. Twa,

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