

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

**In the matter of:**

**Resolution No. 2021/388**

**Recognizing the contributions of Paul R. Detjens on his 30 years of service to Contra Costa County.**

**WHEREAS**, in September 1991, Paul R. Detjens started his career with the Public Works Department as an Entry Level Engineer in the Flood Control Division, Advanced Planning section; and

**WHEREAS**, in November 1994, he received an Award of Excellence from the Department for his excellent presentation at a community meeting regarding the San Ramon Creek - Chaney to Livorna Improvements Project, representing the Department very well and receiving written commendations from Alamo residents; and

**WHEREAS**, in July 1995, he became a registered Civil Engineer in the State of California; and

**WHEREAS**, in November 1995, he rotated to the Design Division; and

**WHEREAS**, in April 1998, he rotated to the Construction Division; and

**WHEREAS**, in November 1998, he rotated to the Engineering Services Division; and

**WHEREAS**, in May 2000, he was promoted to Associate Civil Engineer in the Engineering Services Division; and

**WHEREAS**, in May 2000, he was recognized by the American Public Works Association for the Distinguished Project of the Year - San Ramon Creek Improvements Project, as well as the Award of Merit in Engineering; and

**WHEREAS**, in July 2000, he rotated to the Flood Control Division, Current Development section; and

**WHEREAS**, in April 2003, he received a letter of appreciation from the Engineer's Club of Rossmoor for an excellent presentation on flooding concerns on Tice Creek; and

**WHEREAS**, in June 2004, he was promoted to Senior Civil Engineer in the Flood Control Division, Advanced Planning section; and

**WHEREAS**, in May 2005, he received a letter from Supervisor Uilkema thanking staff for their excellent and fast work on the Rossmoor Basin Expansion Project; and

**WHEREAS**, in August 2007, he received an Award of Excellence for leading the team to complete the Lower Walnut Creek Emergency Levee Improvement Project; and

**WHEREAS**, in December 2007, he received a thank you letter from Central Contra Costa Sanitary District to staff who assisted with expediting the US Army Corps of Engineers permit processes for their Walnut Creek Sewer Crossing Project; and

**WHEREAS**, in September 2008, he was recognized by the Department for receiving positive feedback from residents of the Rancho Diablo Mobile Home Park regarding his professional presentation on Grayson Creek levee safety; and

**WHEREAS**, in March 2011, he was recognized by the Department for taking the lead in Flood Control's initial response to the tragic deaths of two young men on February 19, 2011, during a time that the Deputy was on vacation; and

**WHEREAS**, in February 2013, he was recognized by the Department for leading the team to apply for and receive a State Grant for the Walnut and Grayson Creeks Levee Rehabilitation Project; and

**WHEREAS**, in April 2013, he was recognized by the Department for representing the Flood Control District and the West Coast perspective (being one of two representatives from California and Nevada) at the Flood Protection Structure Accreditation Task Force in Washington DC; and

**WHEREAS**, in August 2013, he received his Certificate of Accomplishment for Geographic Information Systems from Diablo Valley College, having completed the five required courses; and

**WHEREAS**, in July 2014, he was recognized by the Department for preparing an engaging PowerPoint presentation on the Upper Sand Creek Basin Project and presenting it at New Employee Orientation day; and

**WHEREAS**, from 2014 to 2021 he has successfully directed the planning, funding, permitting, design, and construction of the District's Lower Walnut Creek Restoration Project; and

**WHEREAS**, he has completed numerous professional training and college-level classes to advance his skills; and

**WHEREAS**, Paul is an excellent communicator, County flood history buff, civil and hydraulic engineer, and has created his own video series entitled, "Lower Walnut Creek Adventures";

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Supervisors does hereby recognize and honor Paul R. Detjens for his 30-year anniversary of dedicated service to Contra Costa County and for the high quality of work performed by him during his career.

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**DIANE BURGIS**  
Chair, District III Supervisor

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**JOHN GIOIA**  
District I Supervisor

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**CANDACE ANDERSEN**  
District II 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: December 7, 2021

Monica Nino, County Administrator

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