

In the matter of recognizing the contributions of Mike Carlson on the occasion of his Retirement from Contra Costa County

Resolution No. 2019/64

WHEREAS, Mike Carlson began his career with Contra Costa County in 1987 as a Staff Engineer for the Public Works Department in the Construction Division, and in 1991 was promoted to Associate Civil Engineer and transferred to the Design Division; and

WHEREAS, in 1991 Mike supervised the "Team" administering the \$40 million Vasco Road Relocation Project, and in 1993 Mike received the Award of Excellence for representing the county and the department efficiently and professionally on the Vasco Road Relocation Project; and

WHEREAS, in 1995 Mike was promoted to Senior Civil Engineer in the Construction Division and in 1999 was promoted to Supervising Civil Engineer of the Construction Division overseeing the building of public roads and drainage improvements; and

WHEREAS, Mike was awarded the J. Michael Walford Project Manager of the Year Award in 2002 for his leadership of the team that showed excellence in the management of Public Works projects for the SR 4 Bypass Project; and

WHEREAS, in 2002 Mike received a letter of thanks from Supervisor Donna Gerber of District 3 for his skilled negotiations on discussions with East Bay Municipal Utility District regarding the use of the Iron Horse Trail, which contributed to a positive outcome for the county and the citizens of Alamo; and

WHEREAS, in 2005, under Mike's leadership, the American Public Works Association (APWA) recognized the Flood Control Division with the "2005 Distinguished Project" for the design, planning and execution of the Rossmoor Detention Basin project, and also received a letter of thanks from Supervisor Gayle B. Uilkema, District 2, for the design, building and landscaping of the Basin; and

WHEREAS, in 2009 Mike received a letter of appreciation from the Rodeo Hills Elementary School on his presentation to the 5th grade class of the Parker Avenue Improvement Project in Rodeo, providing an excellent lesson in teambuilding; and

WHEREAS, in 2009 Mike was part of the J. Michael Walford Team of the Year Award for their excellence in coordination, communication, innovation, technical and negotiation skills to successfully get the Vasco Road Safety Project cleared for final approval; and

WHEREAS, in 2010 Mike was reassigned to the Flood Control Division where he immediately motivated and energized staff to improve service delivery, conducting a poll of the public to determine where to focus customer service improvements. Mike also led a cultural change with staff to actively promote the District, its projects, and its programs, leading to creek clean-ups and planting days with elected officials and volunteers, and the "Giving the Natives a Chance" program; and

WHEREAS, Mike inaugurated a partnership with U C Berkeley that resulted in professors selecting county creeks for class assignments and staff reviewing graduate student projects, and several collaborative projects in District channels, including a groundbreaking study on homeless encampments in creeks; and

WHEREAS, Mike is active in the County Engineers Association of California and served as Chair of the Flood Control and Water Resources Policy Committee providing technical support to the California State Association of Counties in their efforts to develop funding for storm water; and

WHEREAS, in 2016 Mike was promoted to Deputy Public Works Director overseeing Flood Control, Clean Water Program, Engineering Services and the Environmental Services Divisions of the Public Works Department; and

WHEREAS, Mike has maintained many relationships both within and outside county government that allow him to be effective in his work for Contra Costa County; and

WHEREAS, Mike has been a valuable travel resource to his colleagues for all things Hawaii (Aloha!), and ability to provide useless "80's trivia" including quotes from a variety of Will Ferrell movies; and

WHEREAS, Mike has always shared his insightful knowledge of Costco deals along with photos of his frequent Costco shopping trips.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of Contra Costa County does hereby recognize Mike Carlson upon his retirement for 32 years of dedicated service to Contra Costa County and for the high quality of work delivered by him during his career.

PASSED by a unanimous vote of the Board of Supervisors members present this 12<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2019.

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JOHN GIOIA  
Chair,  
District I Supervisor

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CANDACE ANDERSEN  
District II Supervisor

ABSENT

DIANE BURGIS  
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: March 12, 2019

DAVID TWA, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors and County Administrator

By *[Signature]*, Deputy