

The Board of Supervisors of Contra Costa County, California

In the matter of recognizing the Contra Costa Watershed
Forum on their 20th Anniversary

Resolution No. 2019/662

WHEREAS, The Contra Costa Watershed Forum has been meeting every other month for 20 years and provides a valuable forum for discussion between government agencies, special districts, and community groups concerning the health of our watersheds and creeks; and

WHEREAS, the history and success of the Watershed Forum is an intertwined story of the County Water Agency, County Flood Control District, and local creek groups, and

WHEREAS, in the early 1980s interest in and advocating for creek protection and restoration began to emerge in the County, and creek groups were formed by residents passionate about their local creeks; and

WHEREAS, this advocacy resulted in the Board of Supervisors appointing a Citizens Advisory Committee in late 1984, consisting of community members interested in the project; and

WHEREAS, in 1998 the Committee expressed concern about regional coordination of activities related to creek and watershed issues; and

WHEREAS, the Committee began to explore the idea of a symposium, an all-day gathering of interested individuals and agencies from throughout the County to discuss watershed issues and improve coordination; and

WHEREAS, the Committee formed a planning subcommittee staffed by the County Water Agency which organized and convened the first Contra Costa Watershed Symposium; and

WHEREAS, the first symposium in April 1999, like all subsequent symposia, attracted over 300 attendees. Everyone on the planning committee felt strongly about somehow continuing the good work of the symposium and suggested bi-monthly meetings as a forum to discuss watershed issues and learnings; and

WHEREAS, a separate planning effort ensued, defining the Forum's mission, participation and representation, operating procedures, and key topic areas to focus on. The County Water Agency agreed to provide staff support for such meetings and the Contra Costa Watershed Forum was born; and

WHEREAS, today the Contra Costa Watershed Forum still meets, and a symposium is held every four years since that first one 20 years ago; and

WHEREAS, over the years the Forum has been led by the Contra Costa County Department of Conservation and Development, the Contra Costa County Flood Control & Water Conservation District, and now by the Contra Costa Resource Conservation District; and

WHEREAS, there would be no Forum without community interest in gathering together every other month to share experiences and hear the latest in creek and watershed restoration; and

WHEREAS, the success of the Contra Costa Watershed Forum can be attributed to the hard work and commitment of agencies, staff, and community in the region.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of Contra Costa County does hereby congratulate the Contra Costa Watershed Forum on its 20 years of connecting people and working to make our water resources healthy, functional, attractive and safe community assets.

PASSED by a unanimous vote of the Board of Supervisors members present this 10th day of December, 2019.


JOHN GIOIA

Chair,
District I Supervisor


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District II Supervisor


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District IV Supervisor


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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 10, 2019

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

By  Deputy

