

WCSD RESOLUTION 2023-3

THANKING STAFF AND THOSE WHO VOLUNTEERED TO HELP FIND AND REPAIR RECENT CATASTROPHIC LEAKS CAUSED BY THE DECEMBER 20TH 2022 EARTHQUAKE

COME NOW THE WCSD AND RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

WHEREAS it is the desire of the Board of Directors of the Westhaven Community Services District (WCSD) to give appropriate acknowledgment and recognition to individuals who have rendered outstanding service to the customers, residents, staff and Board of the District,

and

WHEREAS, on December 20, 2022 Humboldt County was struck by a serious earthquake that caused catastrophic leaks to the District's distribution system that drained the District's storage tanks and forced WCSD to purchase trucked-in water at significant cost to the WCSD and its customers;

and

WHEREAS the WCSD was having difficulty locating the leaks and was forced to turn water off in various parts of the District's distribution system in order to narrow-down the location of the leaks;

and

WHEREAS the number of tasks that needed to be coordinated and performed, as well as the intensity of the work required, overwhelmed the WCSD's sterling but already-very-busy staff;

and

WHEREAS many members of the community rose to the occasion and volunteered to help find the leaks and to fix them. Of particular note were the volunteer time put in by WCSD board members, founding WCSD board members Kay Schulz, Paige Smith, former WCSD board president Greg Smith, Jean Wells, and Allen and Rebecca Woodward, all of whom helped scour the neighborhood trying to find the leaks. Founding General Manager (and current WCSD board member) Richard Swisher and former WCSD staff operator Jaime Vincent both brought institutional knowledge to bear in helping to locate waterlines in areas that have become overgrown, while also going out and helping to look for leaks;

and

WHEREAS the District recognizes that its memory is fallible and that it may have forgotten some of those who helped with the leak crisis and the District accordingly apologizes in advance to anyone who helped but is not named in this resolution;

NOW THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of the WCSD, meeting in legal and regular session convened on this day, April 19, 2023, do hereby convey their gratitude and thanks to everyone who participated in the work that was done to locate and fix the leaks, including staff members Paul Rosenblatt, Katrina Martin and Madison Whitlow-Hewett, board member Richard Swisher, former staff operator Jaime Vincent, Kay Schultz, Page Smith, Greg Smith, Jean Wells and Allen and Rebecca Woodworth for everything they did to help find and fix the leaks. WCSD is lucky to be located in such a community.

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PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED this 19th day of April, 2023 by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Verick, Cline, Hankin, Swisher & Llanos

NOES: None


ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

ATTEST



Roxanne Levang
Secretary
Westhaven Community Services District



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