

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-5-DRAFT

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE RANCHO CALIFORNIA WATER DISTRICT, RIVERSIDE COUNTY, CALIFORNIA, RECOGNIZING RANCHO CALIFORNIA WATER DISTRICT STAFF FOR THEIR HARD WORK AND DEDICATION DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

WHEREAS, on March 4, 2020, Governor Gavin Newsom proclaimed a State of Emergency to exist in California as a result of the threat of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization officially declared COVID-19 a global pandemic; and

WHEREAS, on March 19, 2020, Governor Newsom ordered all individuals living in the State of California to stay home, except as needed, to maintain continuity of operations of the critical infrastructure sectors; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic caused widespread illness, deep economic and social disruption, and reshaped Rancho California Water District's (Rancho Water) daily work; and

WHEREAS, the Rancho Water response to the COVID-19 pandemic required drastic changes to its operations and staff responded with an unwavering commitment to continue to serve the community with pride; and

WHEREAS, Rancho Water staff worked diligently to maintain communication with customers and the community through the rapid adoption of remote work, expansion of online services and coordination by field staff to minimize their mutual health risk while continuing essential operations for the ongoing provision of water, wastewater, and recycled water services on which the community depends; and~~WHEREAS, Rancho Water staff has worked hard to keep community members connected through the rapid adoption of remote work, as well as through expansion of online services to customers; and~~

WHEREAS, the entire Rancho Water staff has demonstrated resiliency, responded with care and compassion, and persevered through the continued uncertainty; and

WHEREAS, the Rancho Water staff has prioritized the community's safety and health while maintaining water and wastewater services without interruption; and

WHEREAS, the pandemic has unleashed an astonishing series of unforeseen consequences and placed a strain on the selfless men and women who serve Rancho Water. They have served without pause, even as the pandemic persisted, with the goal of continuing to fulfill Rancho Water's mission; and

WHEREAS, the efforts are often made quietly, with resolve for the greater purpose of keeping our community safe. The character of each employee of Rancho Water staff has been sorely tested since the onset of the pandemic and the employees responded with dedication; and

WHEREAS, it does not do justice to the service provided by our staff to simply say, “thank you,” although we do, thank them. The commitments that each staff member has made and the remarkable gifts of time and talent they have given, and will continue to give, must be recognized with our sincerest appreciation. The names of the hundreds of individuals who acted surely, consistently, and without hesitation cannot all be listed herein, but all are recognized by this resolution.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Rancho California Water District Board of Directors hereby applaud the staff of the District with our gratitude and praise.

ADOPTED, SIGNED, AND APPROVED this 14th day of May 2021.

Carol Lee Gonzales-Brady, President
of the Board of Directors of the
Rancho California Water District

ATTEST:

Kelli E. Garcia, Secretary of the
Board of Directors of the
Rancho California Water District