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Board Agenda Item

TO: Air Pollution Control District Board
FROM: Douglas W. Allard, Air Pollution Control Officer
SUBJECT: Resolution of Appreciation for John Nicholas

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a Resolution of Appreciation for John Nicholas, APCD Business Manager, upon the occasion of his resignation.

DISCUSSION:

John Nicholas resigned his position as APCD Business Manager effective January 30, 2004, after serving 14 years in that position and a combined total of 27 years with the APCD and the County of Santa Barbara. At the APCD, John not only oversaw all fiscal activities, but the APCD's computer operations and facilities, as well. John's management was key in keeping the APCD solvent during very difficult fiscal times. Most recently, he played a key role on the County team that helped design and oversee construction of Casa Nueva, the new County building housing the main offices of the APCD.

We thank John for his service and wish him well in his new job as Finance Manager with the City of Solvang.



RESOLUTION

Whereas, John Nicholas has served as Business Manager for the Air Pollution Control District for 14 years and for a combined total of 27 years with the APCD and the County of Santa Barbara; and

Whereas, John Nicholas effectively managed the APCD's Administration Division including fiscal activities, computer operations, and facilities, thereby ensuring that APCD staff had the tools, funds, and support needed to succeed in the mission of protecting the health of all Santa Barbara County residents; and

Whereas, John Nicholas successfully oversaw a complex and changing fiscal landscape at the APCD involving multiple revenue streams, severe seasonal and annual revenue cycles, and a long period of fee revenue reductions and provided much appreciated stability to the APCD's fiscal management and budgeting process; and

Whereas, John Nicholas oversaw the application of state-of-the-art computer technology to streamline APCD activities and to implement an innovative system to acquire and monitor data from large industrial facilities in real time; and

Whereas, John Nicholas was a key player in the design and construction of the APCD's beautiful new office building, *Casa Nueva*, and helped ensure that it was consistent with the APCD mission by incorporating numerous energy conservation and "green building" features; and

Whereas, John Nicholas has increasingly devoted his expertise, creativity, and passion to encouraging a small white ball into a cup and it is no coincidence that John Nicholas' new employer is only minutes from a beautiful golf course; and

Whereas, John Nicholas embodies the values and principles of the APCD, including dedication to its air quality mission, customer service, and commitment to excellence.

Now, Therefore, it is hereby resolved that this APCD Board expresses its appreciation to John Nicholas for his service and role in improving air quality in Santa Barbara County and wishes him the very best in his future endeavors.

Passed and Adopted by unanimous vote of the APCD Board on March 18, 2004.

Attest

Clerk of the APCD Board

Cynthia Brock, Chair
Resolution No. 04-03