

***Before the Board of Supervisors in and for the
County of Monterey, State of California***

Resolution No.:

Adopt a resolution commending Brent W. Buche, General Manager of the Monterey County Water Resources Agency, for his dedicated service of 29 years to the County of Monterey upon his retirement.

WHEREAS, *Brent Buche* grew up in Carmel Valley and earned a Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Engineering and Master of Science in Environmental Engineering from Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo, and gained his California Professional Civil Engineer's license in 2021 while working as General Manager; and

WHEREAS, *Mr. Buche* began working at the Monterey County Water Resources Agency (MCWRA) as an Engineering Aide III Temporary in 1993, moving through the ranks to hold the titles of Water Resources Engineer, Associate Engineer, Chief of Operations & Maintenance, Assistant General Manager, Deputy General Manager, and lastly General Manager in 2019; and

WHEREAS, *Mr. Buche* worked on planning, design, permitting, construction and operation of the Castroville Seawater Intrusion Project, which began operation in 1998. He was the lead field engineer during construction, coordinating activities between landowners, growers, contractor and project design team; and

WHEREAS, *Mr. Buche*, during his lengthy career with MCWRA, went on to work in the operation, maintenance and improvement of every MCWRA owned facility, including numerous pump stations, drainage channels, and dam structures; and

WHEREAS, *Mr. Buche* established many of the dam safety protocols ahead of Division of Safety of Dams and Federal Energy Regulatory Commission requirements such as the Earthquake response protocols developed based on location to dams and magnitude; and

WHEREAS, *Mr. Buche* held a position on the emergency management team at Office of Emergency Services and responded to numerous County-wide disasters, including bringing flood fighting materials locally from the state and coordinating numerous flood fighting trainings where MCWRA staff built flood walls out of sand bags; and

WHEREAS, *Mr. Buche* retired on May 31, 2022 from being a volunteer Engineer and EMT with Monterey County Regional Fire, formerly Carmel Valley Fire, where he responded to numerous incidences during his 38 years; and

WHEREAS, *Mr. Buche* led the MCWRA Operations and Maintenance Division as both Assistant and Deputy General Manager for twelve years, supporting three different General Managers in this role who relied on his efforts to keep MCWRA going during multiple transitions in leadership before himself assuming the role of General Manager; and

WHEREAS, *Mr. Buche* will be greatly missed by his colleagues not only for his leadership and institutional knowledge, but also for his positive demeanor, openness, and humor; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Buche is retiring from the Monterey County Water Resources Agency with twenty-nine years of service and numerous accomplishments throughout his tenure.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Monterey County Board of Supervisors, on behalf of the County and all residents thereof, does hereby acknowledge **Brent Buche** for his leadership and service to Monterey County Water Resources Agency and beyond.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2022, by the following vote, to wit:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

I, Valerie Ralph, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Monterey, State of California, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of an original order of said Board of Supervisors duly made and entered in the minutes thereof of Minute Book _____ for the meeting on _____, 2022.

Dated:

Valerie Ralph, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
County of Monterey, State of California.

By _____
Deputy