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

## **Resolution No.:**

Adopt Resolution recognizing **Vicki Morris**, General Manager of the ) Aromas Water District upon her retirement after 24 Years of Service......)

**WHEREAS, Vicki Morris** began her career with the Aromas Water District in 1993 as a customer service representative. She quickly developed expertise and took on responsibility for many of the district's functions; and

**WHEREAS, Vicki Morris** played a major role in the early 1990s to develop and implement expansion of the district service boundary across Highway 101 to include the Ballantree Estates/Marilyn Lane neighborhood; and

**WHEREAS,** In 1998, **Vicki Morris** was AWD Office Manager during the expansion of service to the Rancho Larios subdivision. Soon thereafter, Vicki was named district Controller and was charged with putting the AWD on solid financial footing; and

**WHEREAS,** In 2008, **Vicki Morris** was named General Manager. In that role, she expanded AWD's involvement in civic and professional organizations. She instituted professional business practices and personnel policies. Vicki began an internship program to train aspiring professionals in the water system industry; and

**WHEREAS,** As general manager, **Vicki Morris** led the modernization and expansion of the AWD water system improving quality and reliability of water to an expanding customer base. In 2014, AWD earned the District Transparency Award of Excellence from the California Special Districts Association Leadership Foundation. This award was renewed in 2016; and

**WHEREAS, Vicki Morris'** visionary leadership convinced the AWD board to purchase and develop a building in central Aromas and turn it into the district's headquarters while revitalizing the core of our community; and

**WHEREAS,** Beginning in 2012, **Vicki Morris** worked with residents in the Oakridge/Via del Sol neighborhood to address the lack of available water. Vicki led the development and implementation of the annexation of the neighborhood. The water pipeline was completed in 2016; and

**WHEREAS, Vicki Morris** has served on several professional committees and is acknowledged as a leader in the Monterey Bay Area water industry. In 2011-2012, Vicki was a member of the Pajaro Valley Basin Management Plan Committee; and

**WHEREAS, Vicki Morris** was instrumental in 2015 development of a solar array to power the district's primary water well. This project proved beneficial for the environment and the district's bottom line as it greatly reduced AWD's energy costs; and

**WHEREAS, Vicki Morris** is a community leader. She was a member of Aromas Cares for the Environment (ACE). She served on the board of the San Benito County YMCA and the San Benito County Arts Council. She has been an active member of the Rotary Club of San Juan Bautista and leads the annual Migrant Families Assistance Project.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Monterey County Board of Supervisors, on behalf of the County and all of its citizens thereof, hereby recognizes **VICKI MORRIS** upon her retirement as General Manager of the Aromas Water District and thanks her for the contributions and her valuable service to Monterey County; and, hereby wishes her a happy and fulfilling future upon her retirement.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on this 25<sup>th</sup> day of July 2017, upon motion of Supervisor \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, seconded by Supervisor \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ by the following vote, to-wit:

AYES: NOES: ABSENT:

I, Gail T. Borkowski, 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 \_\_\_\_\_\_.

Dated:

Gail T. Borkowski Clerk of the Board of Supervisors County of Monterey, State of California

By\_\_

Deputy