

Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors Proclamation

RECOGNIZING THE STAFF OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT FOR THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors has established an employee recognition program to publicly show support to employees for their outstanding efforts on behalf of the residents of the County of Santa Cruz; and

WHEREAS, in 2020 our community was faced with monumental challenges including the COVID-19 global pandemic, as well as the CZU Lightning Complex fires; and

WHEREAS, each County Department employee deserves recognition for their dedication to continue providing uninterrupted services to the public and in many cases support our local residents during this time as Disaster Service Workers; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Works had 120 staff members and over 10,000 hours involved in the CZU fire response supporting EOC operations, providing shelter support, and supporting the rebuild and repair process; and

WHEREAS, Public Works took a lead role in coordinating debris flow preparation efforts with Caltrans, Cal Fire, the Planning Department, the Sheriff's Department, the Environmental Health Division, Santa Cruz County Fire, Local Fire protection Districts, the City of Santa Cruz, Geographic Information Services, the Office of Emergency Services, Netcom, the Regional Water Quality Control Boards, the National Weather Service, and other organizations; and

WHEREAS, staff updated the County's rain gauge monitoring system to add new rain gauges in the burn zone and also created a new dashboard tied to debris flow trigger thresholds to help response units anticipate impending emergencies.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bruce McPherson, Chair of the Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors, hereby honor and recognize the staff of the Public Works Department for their dedicated service on behalf of the County of Santa Cruz.



Bruce McPherson

Chairperson, Board of Supervisors

February 23, 2021

Date