



SANTA CLARA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT
Clean Water • Healthy Environment • Flood Protection

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-
EXPRESSING APPRECIATION
TO

Dr. Sara Cody

WHEREAS, Dr. Sara Cody is retiring after nearly three decades of exceptional public service to the people of Santa Clara County; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Sara Cody earned her bachelor's degree in human biology from Stanford University in 1985, attained her Doctor of Medicine at Yale School of Medicine in 1993, before returning to Stanford University for her residency in Internal Medicine, and thereafter served as a disease detective at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention before joining Santa Clara County's Public Health Department in 1998; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Sara Cody began her career with the County of Santa Clara in 1998 as the Communicable Disease Controller and Deputy Health Officer, where she oversaw investigation of reportable diseases and outbreaks, planned for public health emergencies, and responded to SARS, H1N1 influenza, and emerging infectious diseases; Dr. Sara Cody was promoted to County Health Officer in 2013, and took on the role Public Health Director in 2015; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Sara Cody has led the County's Public Health Department and its more than 40 programs that prevent disease and promote health and equity for nearly two million county residents, reorganized the Department to prioritize racial and health equity, strengthen capacity to respond to infectious diseases, as well as ensured that public health policies and programs were evidence-based and thoroughly evaluated, thereby setting new standard for what public health leadership looks like in our country; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Sara Cody is nationally recognized for her proactive leadership during the COVID-19 pandemic, issuing the first stay-at-home order in the nation in Santa Clara County at the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic in March 2020, creating an incident command center to track the outbreak, and later developing a contact tracing program to contain the virus; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Sara Cody worked collaboratively with neighboring jurisdictions to present a unified front against COVID and ensured consistent health policies to prevent the spread of infection, which enabled our hospitals to preserve capacity; Dr. Sara Cody's proactive and collaborative leadership led to Santa Clara County becoming the nation's second most vaccinated large county; Dr. Cody's rapid and trailblazing initiatives during the COVID-19 pandemic ultimately saved countless lives; and



WHEREAS, Dr. Sara Cody, a nationally recognized public health leader and expert, is retiring after devoting 27 extraordinary years of service to the County of Santa Clara and leaves a legacy of excellence in public service.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Santa Clara Valley Water District that this Board shall and does hereby formally express to Dr. Sara Cody, its appreciation of her decades of public service to Santa Clara County and for her unwavering dedication to improving the health and wellbeing of communities across Santa Clara County.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of the Santa Clara Valley Water District on April 22, 2025.

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Chair, Board of Directors

ATTEST: CANDICE KWOK-SMITH

Interim Clerk, Board of Directors