

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS
SANTA CLARA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT**

RESOLUTION NO. 17 -

SUPPORT OF NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA DESIGNATION FOR SANTA CLARA COUNTY

WHEREAS, Santa Clara County, once known as the Valley of the Heart's Delight with beautiful rich land, bountiful streams, orchards, and idyllic life, has attracted people from many cultures, with diverse talents, and abundant determination;

WHEREAS, that panoply of talent included remarkable artistic, scientific, and educational pathfinders dating back to the original Native Americans, through the Spanish, early American, early 1900s Asian and Italian and Irish and Portuguese and Scotts, and more recent Hispanic, Asian and other important newer arrivals;

WHEREAS, that diversity of motivated talent created the West Coast's most uniquely innovative society spawning the first civil settlement (1776), the first state capital (1850), the first private (1853) and public (1857) universities, the longest operating railroad (1864), the first controlled flight (1883), and many more celebrated innovations;

WHEREAS, Santa Clara Valley became the land of opportunity and agricultural innovation, and the most productive fruit growing and processing center in the world;

WHEREAS, our Valley's rich history of agricultural and technological advances, coupled with our three grand universities, made our area a leader in military and space technology resulting in Silicon Valley being the world's capital of high technology innovation;

WHEREAS, historically and presently both water supply and flood protection are necessary for the agricultural and technological industries, and continue to play a vital role in the ability of the Santa Clara County to support its population and economic growth;

WHEREAS, the County has worked with business and civic organizations interested in creating well-balanced communities that celebrate that diversity and success; and

WHEREAS, a National Heritage Area designation for the Valley will bring opportunities to promote that heritage and celebrate the associated art, education, and tourism.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of the Santa Clara Valley Water District does hereby support the County of Santa Clara's effort to achieve a National Heritage Area designation by the U.S. National Park Service and the U.S. Congress.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of Santa Clara Valley Water District by the following vote on (insert meeting date):

AYES: Directors

NOES: Directors

ABSENT: Directors

ABSTAIN: Directors

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By: _____
JOHN VARELA
Chair/Board of Directors

ATTEST: MICHELE L. KING, CMC

Clerk/Board of Directors