

RESOLUTION NO. 17-
EXPRESSING APPRECIATION
TO

*James M. Fiedler,
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WHEREAS, James M. Fiedler began his career with the Santa Clara Valley Water District (water district) in November 1982 as an Associate Engineer in the Water Supply Planning Unit where he laid the foundation for his astute understanding of water supply; and

WHEREAS, James M. Fiedler was promoted in June 1989 to Supervising Engineer in the Pipeline Design Unit where he helped construct the Snell Pipeline to bring treated water from the Santa Teresa Water Treatment Plant to customers in the county; and

WHEREAS, James M. Fiedler was promoted in September 1995 to Executive Project Manager where he worked on flood protection management projects, including the Coyote Creek Flood Protection Project that provided flood protection from Alviso in San Jose to Montague Expressway in Santa Clara using natural flood protection, and directed other flood protection projects in Palo Alto; and

WHEREAS, James M. Fiedler served in the water district's Engineers' Society's Bargaining Unit leadership; and

WHEREAS, James M. Fiedler was promoted to Chief Operating Officer of Watersheds in November of 2003 and to Chief Operating Officer of the Water Utility Enterprise in April of 2008; and

WHEREAS, James M. Fiedler has been instrumental in leading and overseeing many key initiatives with a direct impact on the future of Santa Clara County's water supply, including the development of the Integrated Water Resources Plan to better prepare the future of reservoirs, imported water, and treatment plants. He successfully led the passage of Measure B, the water district's first special parcel tax

measure for Clean, Safe Creeks and Natural Flood Protection to help expand the water district's ability to provide flood protection for the county; and

WHEREAS, James M. Fiedler has always believed the key ingredients to a successful water district are water, infrastructure, and people. He has espoused that people are the most important of the three. He has demonstrated his commitment to the employees of the water district as a coach and promoting women throughout the organization; as an Executive Sponsor to the Ability Awareness Employee Resource Group; and Chair and participant on the water district's Deferred Compensation Committee; and

WHEREAS, James M. Fiedler continually strived for a more efficient and systematic work environment by promoting the value of the water district's quality and environmental management system, which is certified to standards for quality products and services and pollution prevention under the International Organization for Standardization (ISO). He has always been a champion of "say what you do, do what you say, prove it, and improve it"; and

WHEREAS, James M. Fiedler invested in the future of the water district by keeping the values of the water district's legacy alive through the Invest in Water Presentation, highlighting the importance of investing in water, infrastructure, and people. He coined the term, "they built it for us and we must rebuild it for them," further reinforced by his outstanding advocacy of workforce reliability efforts, like BAYWORK, and establishing the first Summer Internship Program; and

WHEREAS, James M. Fiedler represented the water district with distinction in leadership roles such as Board Member of the San Francisco Estuary Institute, Past President of the Bay Planning Coalition, Past President of the National Association of Flood & Stormwater Management Agencies, and current Board Member of the Water Environment & Reuse Foundation, to name a few; and

WHEREAS, James M. Fiedler has provided outstanding leadership, vision, and innovative thinking throughout his thirty-four years of service; and

WHEREAS, James M. Fiedler has served with honor, integrity, and great distinction.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of the Santa Clara Valley Water District does hereby formally express to James M. Fiedler its profound appreciation of his distinguished service as Chief Operating Officer, Water Utility Enterprise, and wishes him all future success.

PASSED AND ADOPTED unanimously by the Board of Directors of the Santa Clara Valley Water District on June 27, 2017.

SANTA CLARA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT

JOHN L. VARELA
Chair/Board of Directors

ATTEST: MICHELE L. KING

Clerk/Board of Directors