

RESOLUTION NO. 19-
EXPRESSING APPRECIATION
TO

Katherine Oven

WHEREAS, Katherine Oven has dedicated her entire professional career to water engineering in private practice and public service; and

WHEREAS, Katherine Oven joined the Santa Clara Valley Water District in August 2002 as an Assistant Operating Officer in the Watershed Capital Division, and in January 2009 she was promoted to Deputy Operating Officer of the Watershed Capital Division, where she managed the planning, design and construction of critical flood improvement and environmental enhancement projects; and

WHEREAS, Katherine Oven led the Watershed Capital Division in awarding 25 projects for construction; and

WHEREAS, Katherine Oven's leadership directly resulted in accomplishing key projects including: Matadero/Barron Creeks Remediation; securing federal funds to accelerate construction of Lower Silver Creek, Reaches 4–6; replacing the Willow Glen Way Bridge to accommodate future flood protection work on the Upper Guadalupe River; and completing the Letter Of Map Revision for Downtown Guadalupe removing 3,440 parcels from the floodplain; and

WHEREAS, Katherine Oven transitioned to the Water Utility Capital Division as Deputy Operating Officer in July 2010, where she oversaw a substantial capital improvement program valued at over \$3 billion as of Fiscal Year 2020; and

WHEREAS, Katherine Oven initiated the planning and design of dam retrofit projects to implement the findings of the dam seismic safety program analysis; and

WHEREAS, Katherine Oven led the Anderson Dam project team to develop an environmental documentation and permitting strategy for the Project, which is well underway in the design phase; and

WHEREAS, Katherine Oven oversaw construction of the Silicon Valley Advanced Water Purification Center and planning for the Expedited Purified Water Program, which will expand sustainable water supplies by increasing production of purified water, developing potable reuse of purified water, and expanding use of recycled water; and

WHEREAS, Katherine Oven led the effort to plan, design, and implement water utility infrastructure improvements to ensure reliable service in response to identified high-risk hazard events, including water treatment upgrades and seismic upgrades at the treatment plants, and seismic and electrical upgrades at the Pacheco Pumping Plant; and

WHEREAS, Katherine Oven was a board member on the Guadalupe River Park Conservancy for two terms, where she actively participated in fundraising; was a Bronze Level Supporter; and an advocate for finding a balance between the River in its natural state and the need to increase capacity for flood conveyance; and

WHEREAS, Katherine Oven served as the Employee Resource Group Green Team executive sponsor since 2015, providing valuable guidance and support of Green Team programs and events; helped the Green Team implement waste reduction projects; her efforts and commitment were deeply appreciated by the Green Team; and

WHEREAS, Katherine Oven demonstrated her commitment to staff through leadership by example, mentoring, and supporting employees' professional and personal growth, and throughout her 17 years, she 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 Katherine Oven its profound appreciation of her distinguished service as Deputy Operating Officer, Water Utility Capital Division, and wishes her all future success.

PASSED AND ADOPTED unanimously by the Board of Directors of the Santa Clara Valley Water District on September 10, 2019.

SANTA CLARA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT

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Vice Chair, Board of Directors

ATTEST: MICHELE L. KING, CMC

Clerk, Board of Directors