

Resolution No. 05-179

Dated: November 1, 2005

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY of NAPA, STATE of CALIFORNIA

WHEREAS, Jon Allen Lander, P.E., began the last stretch of his professional career with the County of Napa as a Principal Public Works Engineer for the Flood Control District, under the Public Works umbrella, on September 14, 1998; and

WHEREAS, prior to working for the County of Napa, Jon compiled an impressive résumé of previous employment where he held prestigious titles with Caltrans; the U.S. Navy (where he was officially proclaimed an Officer and a Gentleman); Crime Technological Research Foundation for the State of California; Madsen Construction Company; and the Towns of Yountville, Paradise, and Truckee respectively; and

WHEREAS, working on the engineering aspect (and others as requested) of the Napa River/Napa Creek Flood Protection Project, Jon's vast expertise has contributed to many of the initial and current facets of the Project being completed as scheduled, such as the building of new bridges, creation of marsh plain and flood plain terraces, trails, and floodwalls. He also monitored the relocation of miles of railroad tracks, sewer, water, electrical and phone lines, the construction of a commissary, ball fields, parking lots, grinder stations, restrooms, and the moving of ten blades of an endangered river grass that no one has ever heard of; and

WHEREAS, Jon was part of the implementation of the County stormwater program and was also directly involved with watershed programs and management, developing dredge disposal facilities for the future, and the Rutherford Dust Restoration Project; and

WHEREAS, it can prove challenging when working with multiple agencies and individuals to get the involved parties all to agree on the most practical solution. Jon never lost his sense of humor while others lost their sense of direction. His keen ability to provide non-engineering solutions to engineering problems always came through, for our sake as well as his; and

WHEREAS, Jon took many a government official, Board Member, Panel Member, Department Head, and County employee looking for a valid excuse to be out of the office, on a boat tour of the Flood Project sites along the Napa River in his own boat; and

WHEREAS, speaking of boats, there is a strong assumption Jon will be spending a lot more time with boating activities as he is an accomplished fisherman and an active member of the Napa Valley Yacht Club. He'll also be traveling the continental United States in his new truck and travel trailer; singing with the Napa Valley Chorale; and perfecting his newly acquired role as "grandpa."

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that on the occasion of his retirement, the Board of Supervisors along with his many friends and coworkers, wish to express their appreciation to Jon Allen Lander, P.E., for his seven years of loyal service to the people of Napa County and wish him happiness and contentment in his retirement.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

ATTEST:

Clerk of the Board