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NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Letter

TO: Board of Supervisors

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SUBJECT: Presentation of a Proclamation Declaring March 19-25, 2017 as "National Surveyors' Week" in Napa County

RECOMMENDATION

Presentation of a proclamation to Mike Mueller, President of the Sonoma County Chapter of the California Land Surveyors Association (which includes Napa County), declaring March 19-25, 2017 as "National Surveyors' Week" in Napa County.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

National Surveyors' Week was established by the National Society of Professional Surveyors as an annual event to bring public recognition to the surveying profession and the vital services surveyors provide to the advancement and betterment of human welfare. During this week, thousands of professional surveyors throughout the country will take part in local activities designed to introduce a new generation to the profession and highlight the use of technology in their day-to-day work. This proclamation recognizes the important role that professional land surveyors play in all aspects of our communities. It further acknowledges the history of surveying from some of the founders of the nation to the present day through many significant technological advances.

FISCAL IMPACT

Is there a Fiscal Impact? No

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: General Rule. It can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility the proposed action may have a significant effect on the environment and therefore CEQA is not applicable. [See Guidelines For the Implementation of the California Environmental Quality Act, 14 CCR 15061(b)(3)].

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION

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In 2016, President Barack Obama recognized National Surveyors' Week with the following statement: "America has always been driven forward by those who push the boundaries of what is known, give the dreams we envision the chance to flourish, and use the wisdom that is born out of our restless curiosity to shape a better future. Understanding land's importance in charting the course of our shared destiny, some of our Nation's oldest surveyors include our Founding Fathers. They knew, as you do, that in order to thrive as a Nation and as a people, we must first determine who we are and where we intend to go. As you reflect on the impact surveying has on our country and work to empower young people to explore and define their dreams, I wish you all the best."

Locally, surveyors in Napa County (including those on County staff) are included in the membership of the Sonoma County Chapter of the California Land Surveyors Association. Officers and other members of that chapter have been invited to attend, and Chapter President Mike Mueller will be present to receive the presentation of the proclamation today.

In a related matter, on the March 7 agenda, the Board created a new job classification for the position of County Surveyor. Every California county is required to have this position, per Government Code Section 27550. For many years, the position of County Surveyor was one of many "hats" worn by the Director of Public Works. However, since 2009, the Director position has been occupied by persons who do not possess the required license to practice Land Surveying, and so the position has been appointed to the Deputy Director - Engineering. As the Department has continued to engage in strategic planning to chart its future course, the need for succession planning in this area was identified. As a result, it was recommended to create a separate position of County Surveyor, which could be filled by someone specifically licensed as a Professional Land Surveyor, thus eliminating the need to fill the Director or Deputy position with someone licensed in multiple areas. The March 7 action included the creation of the position, as well as the appointment of Danielle Goshert, who is the current Deputy County Surveyor, effective upon the retirement of the incumbent, Deputy Director/County Surveyor Rick Marshall, in May.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

A . Proclamation

CEO Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Bret Prebula