



Proclamation
of the Board of Supervisors of the County of El Dorado
Commemorating the Retirement of Jim Wassner,
El Dorado County Supervising Code Enforcement Officer

WHEREAS, Jim Wassner began his career in El Dorado County as a Building Inspector in July 1990 with the El Dorado County Building Department, moved into Code Compliance within the Building Department and took over code enforcement duties in 1997; and

WHEREAS, Jim Wassner has made many valuable contributions to the Code Enforcement unit and the County, some highlights of his career include:

- a) Playing an instrumental role in developing the County's code enforcement ordinances including the County's vacant building ordinance; identified and brought the Community Emergency Response Team to EDC in 2006, where he continues to train citizens about disaster preparedness and basic disaster response skills;
- b) Spending ten years (1997 – 2007) volunteering with the Sheriff's Search and Rescue team as an Operations Chief coordinating the efforts of search personnel on many area search and rescues;
- c) Writing a series of over 100 weekly columns for several area newspapers called "*The Builder's Corner*" from 1995 to 1997. The column started with a foundation inspection and each week worked through the permit and inspection process explaining the Building Codes and what county building inspectors were looking for;
- d) Teaching classes for the California Association of Code Enforcement Officers (CASEO) to code enforcement officers statewide earning him the nickname, "*The Rural Code Enforcement King*;"
- e) Creating and coordinating the El Dorado County Multi-agency Abatement Team (MAAT) to improve communication, coordination efforts, and collaboration with regard to code enforcement issues. The team included the Sheriff's Office, Animal Control, and Adult/Child Protective Services;
- f) Spending two weeks as a Safety Assessment Program Coordinator in New Orleans following Hurricane Katrina in what was the first time the California's Office of Emergency Services sent inspectors outside the state to do inspections. Lessons learned by Jim and his team were later incorporated into the OES training manual for the statewide Safety Assessment Program; and

WHEREAS, with a commitment to El Dorado County's code enforcement success, Jim Wassner fostered strong working relationships with many local and state agencies including the Board of Supervisors, District Attorney's Office, Animal Services, the Ag Department, Sheriff's Office, local fire departments, state Fish and Game and the Housing and Community Development Department; and

WHEREAS, Jim Wassner is well known for his amiable personality and common sense approach to Code Enforcement in El Dorado County and will retire in great esteem from El Dorado County on January 30, 2015;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of El Dorado commends and honors Jim Wassner for his 25 years of outstanding service and commitment to protecting the health and safety of the residents of the County of El Dorado.

Passed and adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the County of El Dorado at a regular meeting, held the 27th day of January, 2015.

Attest:

James S. Mitrison
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By _____
Deputy Clerk

Brian K. Veerkamp, Chair, Board of Supervisors