



Proclamation

OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF EL DORADO

Recognizing John Edwards Retiring after 31 Years of Public Service with El Dorado County

Whereas, on September 20, 1990 John Edwards began his career with the El Dorado County Department of Transportation as a Highway Maintenance Worker II. Over the years his roles and responsibilities increased and in 2017, he promoted to Highway Superintendent, Maintenance and Operations Unit; and,

Whereas, John fostered a supportive environment for his staff and used their experience effectively. He has provided strong leadership with a clear sense of direction. Utilizing the knowledge gained from years of experience, John guided the Maintenance and Operations Unit in a positive and productive manner; and,

Whereas, the highlights of John's many contributions to the Department of Transportation and our community include the following:

- John remembers when he was first hired and assigned to be part of the road crew for North County which had been without a full-time road crew for some time. He recalls brushing, ditching, patching, and replacing culverts to make a big impact in the area. The crew had a strong work ethic and accomplished quite a bit. He thoroughly enjoyed the hard work and camaraderie.
- In 2006, the Board of Supervisors put together a project to add a lane to eastbound Highway 50 offramp at Missouri Flat Road and also widen the southside abutment to the Missouri Flat over-crossing for a turn lane onto Mother Lode Drive. The project was experiencing many construction delays so Jack Sweeney asked if Maintenance had the experience and capability to take on the project. CalTrans authorized the County to complete the necessary work in order to meet necessary deadlines. At that time, John's supervisor was on vacation; John was tasked with selecting a crew of road maintenance workers to complete the project. John worked together with his crew, surveying and engineering to get the job completed. The project was successfully completed by the desired deadline and under budget.
- In 2017, John became the West Slope Highway Maintenance Superintendent. His career goal when starting with the County was to become a Highway Maintenance Supervisor. He far exceeded his goals and has enjoyed the challenges presented.
- John was instrumental in starting the Commercial Drivers License and Certification Employer Testing Program for the Maintenance Division. He was trained and certified by DMV to create the program to train staff on how to perform safety pre and post-operational checks on commercial trucks. John developed driving courses that included the required elements set by DMV.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that the Board of Supervisors, of the County of El Dorado, does, with great appreciation, acknowledge John Edwards for his many years of dedicated public service and valuable contributions to the community.

Passed and adopted, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of El Dorado at a regular meeting of said Board, held the 6th day of April 2021.

George Turnboo, District II

Wendy Thomas, District III

Lori Parlin, District IV

Sue Novasel, District V

Attest:
Kim Dawson
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

John Hidahl, Chair, Board of Supervisors