



Proclamation

OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF EL DORADO Recognizing Gerri Silva, Director of Environmental Management, for her 20 years of outstanding public service with the County.

WHEREAS, Gerri Silva began her career as a Senior Environmental Health Specialist in 1994, became a Hazardous Materials Specialist in 1995, promoted to Deputy Director of the Environmental Management Department in 2000, promoted to Acting Director of Environmental Management in 2005, was appointed Interim Director in 2006, and was appointed Director of Environmental Management on April 10, 2007 by the Board of Supervisors; and

WHEREAS, Gerri has been employed by the County of El Dorado for over twenty (20) years during which time she has dedicated herself to public service and the protection of public health, safety and the environment; and

WHEREAS, Gerri's leadership and commitment to public service resulted in the launching of the successful "Lake Tahoe Environmental Blitz" program in 1999. Gerri undertook the major task of implementing a comprehensive used oil education/recycling program aimed at boaters in the Lake Tahoe Basin. The program was implemented on both the California and Nevada sides of Lake Tahoe, requiring the cooperation of many local, state and federal jurisdictions. Success was due to Gerri's tenacity in ensuring the marinas participation throughout the Basin. Cal/EPA recognized the innovative and environmental values and Gerri was honored with the Program Excellence Award and Togetherness Award; and

WHEREAS, Gerri's guidance and support in 2006, allowed the County to become the first rural county in California to achieve a minimum of 50% diversion reduction of solid waste from landfilling. The goal of the Integrated Waste Management Act of 1989; and

WHEREAS, after the Angora Fire was declared 100% contained, Gerri worked with the California Integrated Waste Management Board to present a County/State debris management plan to affected Angora Fire property owners. Of major concern was the potentially hazardous debris from the 256 structures. Debris removal activities commenced on July 12, 2007 and completed by the end of August with nearly 70,000 tons of structural debris removed. 8,511 tons of hazardous trees were removed from over 400 non-federal, non-state owned lots in the burned area. The debris removal program has been recognized as the "Angora Protocols" and components implemented in other disasters including FEMA responses; and

WHEREAS, in 2012 Gerri was honored by the California Conference of Directors of Environmental Health with the Excellence in Environmental Health award in recognition of the County's outstanding achievements in solid waste planning. El Dorado County's Solid Waste Management Plan was the culmination of nearly 3 years of work by county staff, consultants, local agencies, franchise waste haulers, and public volunteers.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of El Dorado does herewith recognize the significant milestones in service and the level of dedication and commitment Gerri put into her work. The Board extends their greatest appreciation to Gerri Silva for her 20 years of valued hard work and outstanding public service.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of El Dorado at a regular meeting of said Board, held the 28th day of April, 2015.

Attest:
James S. Mitrisin,
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By: _____
Deputy Clerk

Brian K. Veerkamp, Chair, Board of Supervisors