

Resolution No.
County Administration Building
Santa Rosa, California

Date

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SONOMA COUNTY WATER AGENCY RECOGNIZING AGENCIES AND INDIVIDUALS FOR THEIR SUPPORT AND TIME DEVELOPING THE LANDSCAPE WATER ADVISORY GROUP.

WHEREAS, public agencies set forth goals for preserving and improving the natural and built environment, protecting the health of residents and visitors, and conserving natural resources; and

WHEREAS, California's water supply is under increasing pressure, and approximately fifty percent of the water used in the Sonoma County Water Agency (Agency) service area is for landscape irrigation; and

WHEREAS, all Agency retail water providers including the cities of Santa Rosa, Rohnert Park, Cotati, Petaluma, and Sonoma, the Town of Windsor, and the Marin Municipal, North Marin, and Valley of the Moon Water Districts share the common goal of assisting its communities to use water for landscape irrigation efficiently; and

WHEREAS, it is critical to both the economic and environmental health of Sonoma County and the greater Bay Area that local officials provide leadership in the area of efficient and sustainable landscaping; and

WHEREAS, the Landscape Water Advisory Group supports, and enhances, green building standards by focusing on efficient landscape water management and landscape irrigation without waste; and

WHEREAS, landscape professionals such as Jay Tripathi of Gardenworks, Inc., Healdsburg, California and David Penry of Pacific Landscape Inc., Sebastopol, California (California Landscape Contractors Association North Coast Chapter members) voluntarily seek to incorporate water efficient landscaping techniques into their projects and thus support long-term goals of a more sustainable community; and

WHEREAS, educators and educational institutions such as Stephen P. Mullany, Instructor Horticulture/Plant Science at Santa Rosa Junior College and Dr. Fernando Agudelo-Silva, Instructor Biology/Environmental Landscaping at the College of Marin voluntarily seek to incorporate water efficient landscape knowledge and training into their academic curriculum and thus support long-term goals of a more sustainable region; and

WHEREAS, the Landscape Water Advisory Group helps to bridge a gap that existed between the design and installation of a water efficient landscape and the long-term maintenance of that water efficient landscape.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Board of Directors of the Agency recognize the exemplary efforts of the individuals associated with the California Landscape Contractors Association North Coast Chapter, the Santa Rosa Junior College, and the College of Marin and retail water providers such as the cities of Santa Rosa, Rohnert Park, Cotati, Petaluma, and Sonoma, the Town of Windsor, and the Marin Municipal, North Marin, and Valley of the Moon Water Districts for their full and unreserved support of the Landscape Water Advisory Group.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Board of Directors of the Agency hereby finds, determines, and declares as follows:

1. All of the above recitals are true and correct.
2. Sonoma County Board Chairman Paul Kelley is authorized to proclaim recognition of Jay Tripathi of Gardenworks, Inc., Healdsburg, California; Dave Penry of Pacific Landscape Inc., Sebastopol, California; Stephen P. Mullany, Instructor Horticulture/Plant Science at Santa Rosa Junior College, and Dr. Fernando Agudelo-Silva, Instructor Biology/Environmental Landscaping at the College of Marin; and all the Sonoma County Water Agency retail water providers for their full and unreserved support of the Landscape Water Advisory Group.

DIRECTORS:

BROWN: KERN: ZANE: CARRILLO: KELLEY:

Ayes Noes Absent Abstain

SO ORDERED.

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