

**State of California  
California Regional Water Quality Control Board  
Santa Ana Region**

**February 5, 2021**

**ITEM: 2**

**SUBJECT: Resolution of Appreciation for William von Blasingame**

California Regional Water Quality Control Board - Santa Ana Region

Resolution Number R8-2021-0004

**Resolution of Appreciation**

**for**

**William von Blasingame**

**WHEREAS:**

William von Blasingame was appointed in October 2013 by Governor Edmund G. Brown, Jr. to the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Santa Ana Region (Santa Ana Water Board), re-appointed in 2016, and served on the Santa Ana Water Board through 2020; and

William von Blasingame served the Santa Ana Water Board as Vice-Chair from February 2020 through October 2020; and

William von Blasingame's leadership as both the Vice-Chair and as a Member of the Santa Ana Water Board was a critical component of the Board's major accomplishments during his tenure, including adoption, among others, of the Scrap Metal Storm Water General Permit, the Newport Bay Watershed Selenium Total Maximum Daily Loads, the Recreational Standards Basin Plan amendments, and the Quail Valley Septic System Prohibition Modification; and

William von Blasingame's leadership on the Santa Ana Water Board resulted in appropriate and effective enforcement actions, including Administrative Civil Liability orders against the Costa Mesa Sanitation District and Cham-Cal Engineering Company, and oversight of the mandated City of Beaumont's wastewater treatment plant expansion and upgrades; and

William von Blasingame went above and beyond his standard Santa Ana Water Board duties and served as the Santa Ana Water Board's representative on the Newport Bay Watershed Executive Committee, and

William von Blasingame's expertise in the energy sector provided a strong foundation for his approach to address water quality and human right to water issues, and

William von Blasingame was an engaged and thoughtful Member of the Santa Ana Water Board who generously gave his time in support of Santa Ana Water Board activities throughout his tenure as a Board Member, and

William von Blasingame's participation at Santa Ana Water Board meetings and within the water community created a culture of mutual respect in which collaboration with stakeholders was able to flourish, and

William von Blasingame's extensive knowledge of water supply and water quality issues and his contributions during his tenure on the Board have benefited residents of the Santa Ana Region and will continue to do so long into the future.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Santa Ana Region, hereby adopts Resolution Number R8-2021-0004 to

Commend and thank William von Blasingame for his service as a member of the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Santa Ana Region, from 2013 through 2020, and to wish him the best in his future endeavors.

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William Ruh  
Chair

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Hope Smythe  
Executive Officer