

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

July 30, 2021

ITEM: 3

SUBJECT: Resolution of Appreciation for Dr. Tom Rivera

California Regional Water Quality Control Board - Santa Ana Region

Resolution Number R8-2021-0039

Resolution of Appreciation

for

Dr. Tom Rivera

WHEREAS:

Dr. Rivera was appointed in October 2012 by Governor Edmund G. Brown, Jr. to the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Santa Ana Region (Santa Ana Water Board), and re-appointed in 2015. In 2020, Governor Newsom reappointed Dr. Rivera to the Santa Ana Water Board where he served through 2021; and

Dr. Rivera's leadership as a Member of the Santa Ana Water Board was a critical component of the Board's major accomplishments during his tenure, including adoption of among others, the Scrap Metal Storm Water General Permit, the Recreational Standards Basin Plan amendments, the Quail Valley Septic System Prohibition Modification and the Human Right to Water Resolution; and

Dr. Rivera's leadership on the Santa Ana Water Board has resulted in appropriate and effective enforcement actions, including an Administrative Civil Liability order against the Cham-Cal Engineering Company, and oversight of the mandated City of Beaumont's wastewater treatment plant expansion and upgrades; and

Dr. Rivera's strong focus on the underserved communities within the Santa Ana Water Board provided a strong foundation for his approach to address water quality and human right to water issues, and

Dr. Rivera's leadership in the community as Associate Dean of Undergraduate Studies at California State University, San Bernardino for 39 years and his active participation as a board member and volunteer in numerous community organizations including the Kiwanis Club of Greater San Bernardino, served him well on the Santa Ana Water Board, and

Dr. Rivera 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

Dr. Rivera's community contacts and his personable approach to working with stakeholders created a culture of mutual respect in which collaboration with stakeholders was able to flourish, and

Dr. Rivera's knowledge of and interest in 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 R8-2021-0039 to

Commend and thank Dr. Rivera for his service as a member of the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Santa Ana Region, from 2012 through 2021, and to wish him and his wife of 53 years, Lily, his three children and his two grandchildren, all the best

Lana O. Peterson
Chair

Hope Smythe
Executive Officer

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