

MARIPOSA COUNTY RESOLUTION NUMBER 98- 196
A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING MARK ROWNEY
FOR HIS EXEMPLARY EFFORTS ON THE
SAXON CREEK WATER PROJECT

WHEREAS, MARK ROWNEY is the project manager for the ten million dollar Saxon Creek Water Project which began with a feasibility report done by the Mariposa County Water Agency in June of 1988 to supply Mariposa with water from the Merced River; and

WHEREAS, MARK has demonstrated admirable dedication and commitment to this lengthy and complex project; and

WHEREAS, in consideration of the Merced River's classification as a Wild and Scenic River, **MARK** encountered many complicated variables, such as sensitive wildlife habitats, recreational needs and concerns as well as archeological and ethnic sites; and

WHEREAS, MARK's duties for this project included but were not limited to: coordinating all the various engineers, legal counsel, environmental consultants; reviewing plans and specifications; negotiating with PG & E for construction of the electrical substation; acquiring water rights; processing permits with BLM, Fish and Game, Army Corps of Engineers, and Cal Trans; acquiring rights-of-way for 42,000 feet of pipeline; obtaining funding for this one-of-a-kind project; supervising the bidding and construction award process; coordinating the three contractors who were awarded the project, and project setup; and

WHEREAS, in January 1997, three weeks away from operation an unprecedented flood caused water to rise four to five feet above the estimated one hundred year flood level severely damaging electrical systems and pump motors at the Saxon Creek Pump Station; and

WHEREAS, following countless hours and nearly a decade of effortful work, water was first pumped along the pipeline route and into Mariposa on December 18, 1997, marking success; and

WHEREAS, MARK has placed Mariposa on the cutting edge of project development by successfully providing a reliable, long-term water source while at the same time protecting our wild and scenic river with its wildlife and sensitive habitats; and

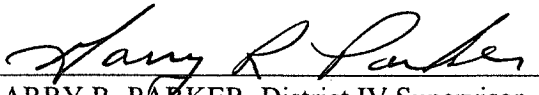
WHEREAS, during this time-consuming project, **MARK** still found time to perform his duties as General Manager of the Mariposa Public Utility District, build a two-story home with his own hands, and add two sons to his family of two daughters with the help of his wife Cindy; and


WHEREAS, MARK's integrity and sense of humor are attributes greatly appreciated by all who know him and who worked with him during the Saxon Creek Water Project.


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of Mariposa County, a political subdivision of the State of California, hereby recognizes **MARK ROWNEY** for his exemplary efforts on the Saxon Creek Water Project.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of Mariposa County this 26th day of May, 1998, by unanimous vote.


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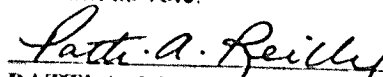
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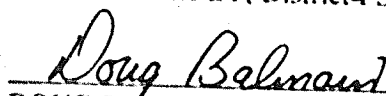
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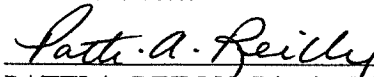
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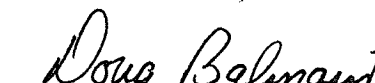
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