

MEMORANDUM
OFFICE OF THE
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF PLACER

TO: Honorable Board of Supervisors

FROM: Robert M. Weygandt, Supervisor District 2
Mike Boyle, Assistant County Executive Officer

DATE: May 26, 2009

SUBJECT: **COMMENDATION** – Present a Commendation honoring Robert Paul Williams for serving 27 years as the Division IV Director for the Nevada Irrigation District (NID).

ACTION REQUESTED

Present a Commendation honoring Robert Paul Williams for serving 27 years as the Division IV Director for the Nevada Irrigation District (NID).

BACKGROUND

The Board is being asked to approve a Commendation being presented to Mr. Robert Paul Williams. Mr. Williams is a long standing resident of Lincoln, CA. and has been active in the community for many years. On April 23, 2009, he officially retired after 27 years of service from the Board of Directors for Nevada Irrigation District (NID). He holds the record as being the longest serving Board member since its inception in 1921 with seven consecutive elected terms. He has always served as the District IV representative, which is the largest district for NID. His territory extended from Highway 49 to Highway 65 and from the Bear River to Highway 193. Mr. Williams was 83 years old at the time of his retirement. He plans to spend time with his family and continue with his volunteer work for the Mt. Pleasant Community Hall in Lincoln and the Hospice Thrift Store in Roseville.

FISCAL IMPACT

None

In the Matter of a Commendation honoring
Robert Paul Williams for serving 27 years as the
Division IV Director for the Nevada Irrigation District (NID).

Whereas, the Nevada Irrigation District (NID) was primarily formed in 1921 as a water source for agricultural purposes and has grown into a diversified water resource agency that supplies nearly 25,000 homes, farms and businesses in Nevada and Placer counties in the foothills of Northern California's Sierra Nevada; and

Whereas, the NID mission is to provide a dependable, quality water supply and to strive to be good stewards of the watersheds and conserve the available resources; and

Whereas, on December 28, 1981, Robert Paul Williams, known as Paul Williams, took his first oath of office as the District IV Director on the NID Board and subsequently served seven consecutive elected terms; and

Whereas, District IV is the largest of NID's five divisions, extending from Highway 49 to Highway 65 and from the Bear River to Highway 193; and

Whereas, at the age of 83 years old, Paul Williams was honored by his fellow Directors during his final board meeting held on April 22, 2009; and

Whereas, Paul Williams officially retired on April 23, 2009 as the Division IV Director for the Nevada Irrigation District. He holds the record for the longest serving Director on the NID Board of Directors since it was first established; and

Whereas, during his tenure, Paul Williams helped to lead NID through many changes including the recent housing boom that resulted in a shift of services to meet the demand to provide treated drinking water to thousands of households; and

Whereas, Paul Williams is known for his contribution towards building financial stability for NID and for establishing a lasting solid financial footing for the company; and

Whereas, Paul is a retired U.S. Force colonel who served during World War II, Korea and Vietnam. He spent time as a gunner, navigator, bombardier and as a pilot who flew an F86-D faster than the speed of sound. He retired in 1971 from a 28-year military career; and

Whereas, Paul and his wife Norma have been married for sixty years and have lived on their ranch seven miles northeast of Lincoln for 43 years where they raised their two children and enjoy their two grandchildren; and

Whereas, Paul is also active as a volunteer with the Mt. Pleasant Community Hall in Lincoln and the Hospice Thrift Store in Roseville; and

Whereas, Paul is fondly described by friends, family and professional associates as an extraordinary individual who always makes informed decisions and has dedicated his life to serve his country and community with veracious integrity.

Now, Therefore, Let It Be Known That The Placer County Board of Supervisors takes great joy in honoring Robert Paul Williams for 27 years of service on the Nevada Irrigation District Board of Directors and thanks him for his contributions to provide water services to the citizens of Placer County and surrounding areas.

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