



M E M O R A N D U M
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
County of Placer

TO: Board of Supervisors
DATE: March 9, 2021
FROM: Ken Grehm, Director of Public Works
By: Peter Kraatz, Assistant Director of Public Works
SUBJECT: Commendation / Kevin Taber

ACTION REQUESTED

Approve and present a Commendation recognizing Kevin Taber for over 29 years of dedicated public service as an employee of the Placer County Department of Public Works.

BACKGROUND

Kevin Taber began his employment with Placer County as a Civil Engineering Assistant in the Department of Public Works in 1992 and is retiring after serving the citizens of this County for more than 29 years. Kevin served as the Manager of the Road Maintenance Division from 1999 until his last day in the office in January 2021. He provided invaluable assistance to every County department with his proactive outreach and with the mission of keeping the County's road network of nearly 1,100 miles in solid condition. He experienced the ups and downs of revenue, always strived to keep the County's roads safe, and commanded a group of over 80 staff, motivating them to always excel at their jobs. Kevin is recognized for his service to the people of Placer County and is congratulated on his successful career with wishes for a long and happy retirement.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

None

FISCAL IMPACT

None

ATTACHMENTS

Commendation

**IN THE MATTER OF A COMMENDATION RECOGNIZING KEVIN
TABER FOR MORE THAN 29 YEARS OF SERVICE TO PLACER COUNTY**

WHEREAS, Kevin Taber began his employment with Placer County as a Civil Engineering Assistant in 1992 in the Solid Waste Division of the Department of Public Works. He is retiring after serving the citizens of this County for more than 29 years; and

WHEREAS, Kevin was promoted to an Associate Civil Engineer, to Public Works Manager in 1999, and later to Engineering Manager to lead the Road Maintenance Division of Public Works; and

WHEREAS, Kevin served as the Engineering Manager until January 2021, providing invaluable assistance to every county department with his sound judgment, dedication, expertise in managing our county's road network of nearly 1,100 miles, and his ability to make difficult decisions and find practical solutions to keep our roads in pristine shape; and

WHEREAS, Kevin continuously supported and mentored his staff on complex matters, always giving encouragement and identifying team-oriented solutions. He had an amazing recall of the facts and details gained from his 29 years of experience, and wisely drew upon this knowledge to provide expert advice to his team; and

WHEREAS, the professional relationships Kevin developed throughout the County, with County leaders, and a multitude of external stakeholders, were key components of the successful delivery of major roadway maintenance projects and snow removal activities during historic snowfall years; and

WHEREAS, the expertise, wisdom and witty personality that Kevin brought to the workplace will be greatly missed, and will serve as a daily reminder of all that was lost upon Kevin's departure from Placer County. As we bid Kevin farewell, we hope he finds comfort in knowing he left a legacy, built by years of hard work and dedicated service to Placer County; and

WHEREAS, Kevin's retirement is sure to be filled with precious time spent with his wife Rebecca and their children. Kevin will no doubt also make time to experience new mountain biking and skiing adventures.

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE KNOWN that the above COMMENDATION was duly passed by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Placer on behalf of the citizens of Placer County at a regular meeting held March 9, 2021 and recognizes Kevin Taber for his service to the people of Placer County, and congratulates Kevin on his successful career with wishes for a long and happy retirement.

Robert M. Weygandt, Supervisor District 2
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