

MEMORANDUM
OFFICE OF THE
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF PLACER

TO: Honorable Board of Supervisors

FROM: F.C. "Rocky" Rockholm, Supervisor District 1
Mike Boyle, Assistant County Executive Officer

DATE: April 7, 2009

SUBJECT: **COMMENDATION** - Present a Commendation honoring Edward J. Tiedemann for 50 years of service with the Placer County Water Agency.

ACTION REQUESTED

Present a Commendation honoring Edward J. Tiedemann for 50 years of service with the Placer County Water Agency.

BACKGROUND/COMMUNITY BENEFITS

Edward J. Tiedemann has worked with the Placer County Water Agency for 50 years including the time he worked as the Assistant County Executive Officer for Placer County while also unofficially acting as the first General Manager for the Placer County Water Agency.

Mr. Tiedemann is considered one of California's foremost water and public law attorneys. He is a senior attorney with Kronick, Moskovitz, Tiedemann & Girard and has nearly 47 years experience in representing various public agencies and private clients as general or special counsel. Currently, Mr. Tiedemann serves as general counsel to the Placer County Water Agency and Kings River Conservation District. He also serves as special counsel for Kern County Water Agency and is counsel to the Association of California Agencies Joint Powers Insurance Authority. He advises clients on matters relating to water rights, transfers and quality, development, construction, financing, operation and relicensing of power projects in accordance with Federal and State regulations, the sales of water and power, project regulatory matters, including compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act and National Environmental Protection Act, drafting and promoting legislation and contract negotiations.

The Board is being asked to honor Mr. Tiedemann for 50 years of service with the Placer County Water Agency and for his legal expertise representing water and related natural resources matters.

FISCAL IMPACT

None

**In the Matter of a Commendation honoring
Edward J. Tiedemann for 50 years of service
with the Placer County Water Agency.**

Whereas, Edward J. Tiedemann has been associated with PCWA since February 1959; and

Whereas, Mr. Tiedemann worked for the County of Placer as Assistant County Executive Officer from February 23, 1959, through January 12, 1962, and unofficially acted as the first General Manager of the Placer County Water Agency; and

Whereas, on December 12, 1961, the Board of Directors of the Placer County Water Agency voted to commend Mr. Tiedemann for passing the California State Bar. He received a Juris Doctorate from the University of the Pacific, McGeorge School of Law, graduating Magna Cum Laude; and

Whereas, on January 9, 1962 the Board of Directors cast a vote of appreciation to Mr. Tiedemann for his work with the Placer County Water Agency during his service as Assistant County Executive Officer; and

Whereas, Mr. Tiedemann entered private practice and on July 10, 1962, the Agency adopted Resolution No. 62-12 authorizing Mr. Tiedemann, now an Associate of Kronick, Moskovitz & Vanderlaan, to act as Legal Counsel and provided him compensation at the rate of \$15 per hour, not to exceed \$100 per day and travel to be recompensed at actual expenses and mileage at 10¢ per mile; and

Whereas, he is general counsel to Placer County Water Agency and Kings River Conservation District, and special Counsel to Kern County Water Agency. He is also counsel to the Association of California Water Agencies, Joint Powers Insurance Authority; and

Whereas, he is a member of the Sacramento County Bar Association, American Bar Association, California State Bar Association, and Placer County Bar Association. He is a Martindale-Hubbell AV rated attorney; and

Whereas, Mr. Tiedemann was involved in the formation of the Middle Fork American River Project while serving as Assistant County Executive Officer for the County of Placer; and

Whereas, Mr. Tiedemann has been a significant contributor to Placer County's successes through the years. He provided a guiding hand in the successful countywide bond election that led to construction of the Middle Fork American River Project; and

Whereas, he was instrumental in securing the federal licenses and permits for power generation and "area-of-origin" water rights and has been vigilant in protecting Placer County's area-of-origin water rights and water supply; and

Whereas, in December 2008, the Regional Water Authority, representing 22 water suppliers in the Sacramento region, recognized Mr. Tiedemann with its, "Distinguished Service Award"; and

Whereas, Mr. Tiedemann has provided steady leadership and counsel to the Placer County Water Agency's progress over the past half century.

Now, Therefore, Let It Be Known That The Placer County Board of Supervisors takes great joy in honoring Edward J. Tiedemann for 50 years of service to the Placer County Water Agency and thanks him for his contributions as one of California's foremost water and public law attorneys.

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