

RESOLUTION

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA
RESOLUTION HONORING AND CONGRATULATING

Dean David Peterson

Upon his Retirement After 28 Years of Public Service

WHEREAS, Dean Peterson began his public service in 1985 with the Department of Defense and joined San Mateo County Environmental Health in 1988; and

WHEREAS, Dean developed and implemented San Mateo County's Local Oversight Program to protect our groundwater from leaking underground storage tanks (1988); and

WHEREAS, Dean designed and implemented the clean closure of three landfills off of Skyline Rd thereby returning them to open space (1989-91); and

WHEREAS, Dean designed and implemented the removal of 50 derelict boats from "Poop Lagoon" now known as Smith and Westpoint Slough in Redwood City (1993); and

WHEREAS, as the Director of Environmental Health since 1998, Dean has lead a multi-faceted team of dedicated professions; and

WHEREAS, Dean managed San Mateo County's Bay and Coastal surveillance and remediation response after the Costco Busan oil spill in the San Francisco Bay (2007); and

WHEREAS, Dean served as President of the California Conference of Directors of Environmental Health, and President of the California Association of Environmental Health Administrators; and

WHEREAS, Dean implemented a county-wide approach to reduce youths' access to tobacco via a Tobacco Retailers License ordinance; and

WHEREAS, Dean lead state-wide efforts to ban the use of trans fats and required menu labeling at retail food establishments; and

WHEREAS, Dean ensured the rapid restoration of a neighborhood by directing the debris removal operations after the Glenview/PG&E Pipeline Explosion (2010); and

WHEREAS, Dean implemented a county-wide program to eliminate polystyrene food containers (2010); and

WHEREAS, Dean lead a regional program to reduce the amount of plastic in our environment by coordinating 24 cities in San Mateo County and Santa Clara County to adopt a Reusable Bag Ordinance (2012); and

WHEREAS, Dean strengthened San Mateo County's beach water quality testing; and

WHEREAS, Dean was a key advocate and witness for the remediation of lead in housing that led to a record judgment against paint manufacturers; and

WHEREAS, Dean's passion for the health of the public and the environment resulted in a strong Environmental Health division and made the County a progressive voice in the Bay Area and beyond.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of San Mateo County hereby congratulates **Dean David Peterson** upon his retirement after 25 years of dedicated public service with San Mateo County. As a tribute to Dean, the Board further resolves to continue to strive towards a world with less plastic to minimize our impacts to the Bay and ocean.

Dated: March 11, 2014

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