

# IN THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

County of San Luis Obispo, State of California

\_\_\_\_\_ day \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_

PRESENT: Supervisors

ABSENT:

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

**RESOLUTION COMMENDING PAAVO A. OGREN  
FOR HIS OUTSTANDING SERVICE AS PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR  
AND FOR TWENTY-THREE YEARS OF PUBLIC SERVICE  
WITH THE COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO  
IN THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**

The following resolution is hereby offered and read:

**WHEREAS**, Paavo A. Ogren first hired on with the County Public Works Department as an intern back in January 1984 completing FEMA storm damage reporting; and

**WHEREAS**, Paavo, having completed his Business Administration degree at Cal Poly, went out into the business world to become a high powered Certified Public Accountant with one of the “Big Eight” firms; and

**WHEREAS**, Paavo could not resist the opportunity to return to the County as a full time Administrative Services Officer III in January 1988; and

**WHEREAS**, in these early years, Paavo was mentored on the ways of the County by the wise financial gurus of Public Works; Guy Prewitt, Noel King and Mark Sullivan who imparted great powers to Paavo, and

**WHEREAS**, having been promoted to Engineering Administrator in 1991 Paavo then decided to leave County service in 1997 to seek challenges working for local engineering firms; and

**WHEREAS**, Paavo returned again to Public Works in 2001, this time with the title of Deputy Director, and proceeded to use his great knowledge and powers to tackle some of the major infrastructure projects of our time; and

**WHEREAS**, through his imagination, financial abilities, knack for stakeholder engagement, power to foresee opportunity, charm, good looks, Finnish Heritage and sheer will power he has advanced major projects such as the Lopez Dam Seismic Remediation, the Nacimiento Water Pipeline Project, and the Willow Road Interchange; and

**WHEREAS**, through Paavo’s abilities, the County was able to resolve the 40 plus year controversy known as the Los Osos Wastewater Project now being carried forward into final implementation; and

**WHEREAS**, past Public Works Director Noel King saw in Paavo the next Director of Public Works and the Board of Supervisors saw fit in the wisdom of this action in December of 2007; and

**WHEREAS**, Paavo, as the Director of Public Works, has built a high caliber team which will continue to achieve great things long after he is gone, and

**WHEREAS**, whether he was engaging the California Coastal Commission Staff or ribbing the Resource Agencies to get on board the Public Works team, Paavo created a wild ride of adventure as staff engaged in important projects and programs to serve the County; and

**WHEREAS**, Paavo has advanced the work of the Department and has demonstrated high level of wisdom among staff earning the nickname “Obi-Won Kenobi” of Public Works; and

**WHEREAS**, Paavo has used this wisdom in effective management of our Water Resources and in promoting projects and programs for the enhancement of our communities; and

**WHEREAS**, Paavo’s three decades of involvement in County Public Works has seen long lasting accomplishments along with good natured fun; and

**WHEREAS**, the combination of an unmatched dedication to public service and a complete inability to avoid the greatest challenges has resulted in Paavo yet again deciding to leave the Department of Public Works for greener pastures.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDERED**, that the County of San Luis Obispo, Board of Supervisors, State of California, does hereby recognize **Paavo** for his service as the Director of Public Works and for his immeasurable service of 23 years, as well as express their gratitude in the accomplishments that Paavo has brought to the County, and does hereby wish him the very best in all his future endeavors and will “leave the light on for him” should he wish to return once again.

Upon motion of Supervisor \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by Supervisor \_\_\_\_\_, and on the following roll call vote, to wit:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAINING:

the foregoing Resolution is hereby adopted.

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Chairperson of the Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

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Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA, }  
County of San Luis Obispo, } ss.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, County Clerk and ex-officio Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, in and for the County of San Luis Obispo, State of California, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a full, true and correct copy of an order made by the Board of Supervisors, as the same appears spread upon their minute book.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of said Board of Supervisors, affixed this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20 \_\_\_\_\_.

(SEAL)

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County Clerk and Ex-Officio Clerk of the Board  
of Supervisors

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy Clerk.