

**COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA ITEM TRANSMITTAL**

(1) DEPARTMENT Parks and Recreation	(2) MEETING DATE 10/27/2015	(3) CONTACT/PHONE Nick Franco 781-5204	
(4) SUBJECT Submittal of a resolution commending the professional conduct of County Parks and Sheriff staff during an emergency incident at Lopez Lake Recreational Area. District 4.			
(5) RECOMMENDED ACTION It is recommended that the Board adopt the attached resolution commending the conduct of Park Rangers Glenn Simpson, Keith Kuiken, Ryan Wemple, and Lee Thompson, and Sheriff Deputy Matthew Shields during a boating accident at Lopez Lake Recreation Area.			
(6) FUNDING SOURCE(S) N/A	(7) CURRENT YEAR FINANCIAL IMPACT \$0.00	(8) ANNUAL FINANCIAL IMPACT \$0.00	(9) BUDGETED? N/A
(10) AGENDA PLACEMENT { } Consent { X } Presentation { } Hearing (Time Est. ___) { } Board Business (Time Est. ___)			
(11) EXECUTED DOCUMENTS { X } Resolutions { } Contracts { } Ordinances { } N/A			
(12) OUTLINE AGREEMENT REQUISITION NUMBER (OAR) N/A		(13) BUDGET ADJUSTMENT REQUIRED? BAR ID Number: N/A { } 4/5 Vote Required { X } N/A	
(14) LOCATION MAP N/A	(15) BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT? No	(16) AGENDA ITEM HISTORY { X } N/A Date: _____	
(17) ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE REVIEW Morgan Torell			
(18) SUPERVISOR DISTRICT(S) District 4			

County of San Luis Obispo



TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Parks and Recreation / Nick Franco
781-5204

DATE: 10/27/2015

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RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board adopt the attached resolution commending the conduct of Park Rangers Glenn Simpson, Keith Kuiken, Ryan Wemple, and Lee Thompson, and Sheriff Deputy Matthew Shields during a boating accident at Lopez Lake Recreation Area.

DISCUSSION

On August 22, 2015 a personal watercraft accident occurred on the waters of Lopez Lake Recreation Area. A female victim was pinned under her watercraft and unable to get to the surface. This resulted in a potentially life threatening emergency. Her companions waved down Park Ranger Glenn Simpson and Sheriff's Deputy Matthew Shields that happened to be patrolling the lake nearby. Upon arrival the Deputy entered the water to assist the victim while Ranger Simpson positioned the boat for rescue. The unresponsive victim was transported to the launch ramp area where Ranger staff prepared to render additional medical aid and transport. The victim eventually became responsive to the medical assistance.

The expedient action of Parks staff and Deputy Shields during this event resulted in the successful rescue and recovery of a park visitor whose life was in imminent danger and because of their professional response, saved the victim's life.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT/IMPACT

The San Luis Obispo County Sheriff's Department patrols Lopez Lake on specific dates during the busy summer months. Their assistance and cooperation were critical to this successful rescue operation.

RESULTS

Due to the training and experience of staff and the expedient reactions of Ranger Simpson and Deputy Shields along with the response from Ranger Kuiken, Ranger Wemple and Ranger Thompson, a visitor's life was saved.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Resolution recognizing County Parks and Sheriff staff.