

IN THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Tuesday, October 27, 2015

PRESENT:

ABSENT:

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING LOPEZ LAKE RANGERS AND SHERIFF STAFF FOR
THEIR PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT DURING A PERSONAL WATERCRAFT ACCIDENT
AT LOPEZ LAKE

The following Resolution is hereby offered and read:

WHEREAS, the San Luis Obispo County Parks and Recreation Department provides boating enforcement and emergency services at Lopez Lake Recreation Area in conjunction with the County of San Luis Obispo Sheriff's Office; and

WHEREAS, employees of San Luis Obispo County Parks and Recreation Department and the County Sheriff's Office are dedicated to public safety and preserving life; and

WHEREAS, on the afternoon of Saturday, August 22, 2015 a personal watercraft accident occurred on the waters of Lopez Lake, resulting in imminent and life threatening danger to a park visitor; and

WHEREAS, San Luis Obispo County Park Ranger Glenn Simpson and County Sheriff Deputy Matthew Shields were patrolling Lopez Lake and arrived at the scene of this accident; and

WHEREAS, Park Ranger Glenn Simpson and Sheriff Deputy Matthew Shields performed the rescue, stabilization and emergency transport of the unresponsive victim of this accident; and

WHEREAS, Park Rangers Keith Kuiken, Ryan Wemple and Lee Thompson directed and coordinated additional emergency response efforts with CAL FIRE and San Luis Ambulance at the main launch ramp; and

WHEREAS, care of the victim was transferred to professional ambulance services, where she was taken to Arroyo Grande Hospital and ultimately released without injury; and

WHEREAS, the actions of Deputy Matthew Shields, Rangers Glenn Simpson, Keith Kuiken, Ryan Wemple and Lee Thompson resulted in the rescue and transfer of care in a

potentially life threatening accident; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors, County of San Luis Obispo, State of California commends Park Rangers Glenn Simpson, Keith Kuiken, Ryan Wemple, Lee Thompson and Sheriff Deputy Matthew Shields for their professional emergency response in the successful rescue and lifesaving effort of a park visitor at Lopez Lake Recreation Area.

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

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAINING:

Chairperson of the Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By: _____
Deputy Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL EFFECT:

RITA L. NEAL
County Counsel

By: Sharon G. Matuszewicz
Deputy County Counsel

Dated: October 8, 2015