

Proclamation

West County Wastewater District Board of Directors

RECOGNITION OF FEBRUARY 2, 2021 AS WORLD WETLANDS DAY “WETLANDS AND WATER”

WHEREAS, Every year, on the 2nd of February, we celebrate World Wetlands Day (WWD) to raise global awareness about the high importance of wetlands for people and our planet. WWD is also an occasion to commemorate the signing of the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands in the Iranian city of Ramsar in 1971; and

WHEREAS, “Wetlands and water”, the theme for WWD 2021, shines a spotlight on wetlands as a source of freshwater and encourages actions to restore them and stop their loss; and

WHEREAS, We are facing a growing freshwater crisis that threatens people and our planet. We use more freshwater than nature can replenish, and we are destroying the ecosystem that water and all life depend on most - Wetlands; and

WHEREAS, The 2021 campaign highlights the contribution of wetlands to the quantity and quality of freshwater on our planet. Water and wetlands are connected in an inseparable co-existence that is vital to life, our wellbeing and the health of our planet; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Directors of the West County Wastewater District hereby proclaim and recognize February 2, 2021 as World Water Day and encourage all residents in and around the surrounding community to stop and reflect on all that wetlands do for us - from providing water, protecting us against extreme weather, storing and capturing carbon and enhancing the quality of life in many ways.

Dated: January 13, 2021

/s/Cheryl Sudduth

Cheryl Sudduth, President

/s/Cesar Zepeda

Cesar Zepeda, Vice President

/s/David Alvarado

David Alvarado, Director

/s/Sherry Stanley

Sherry Stanley, Director

/s/Harry Wiener

Harry Wiener, Director