## Proclamation

## West County Wastewater Board of Directors

## RECOGNITION OF WORLD HEALTH DAY, APRIL 7, 2021 "BUILDING A FAIRER, HEALTHIER WORLD"

**WHEREAS**, April 7th of each year marks the celebration of World Health Day. From its inception at the First Health Assembly in 1948 and since taking effect in 1950, the celebration has aimed to create awareness of a specific health theme to highlight a priority area of concern for the World Health Organization

**WHEREAS**, Climate change is impacting human lives and health in a variety of ways. It threatens the essential ingredients of good health - clean air, safe drinking water, nutritious food supply, and safe shelter - and has the potential to undermine decades of progress in global health; and

WHEREAS, between 2030 and 2050, climate change is expected to cause approximately 250,000 additional deaths per year, from malnutrition, malaria, diarrhea and heat stress alone. The direct damage costs to health is estimated to be between USD 2-4 billion per year by 2030; and

WHEREAS, areas with weak health infrastructure - mostly in developing countries - will be the least able to cope without assistance to prepare and respond. WHO supports countries in building climate-resilient health systems and tracking national progress in protecting health from climate change; and

WHEREAS, reducing emissions of greenhouse gases through better transport, food and energy-use choices results in improved health, particularly through reduced air pollution. The Paris Agreement on climate change is therefore potentially the strongest health agreement of this century. WHO supports countries in assessing the health gains that would result from the implementation of the existing Nationally Determined Contributions to the Paris Agreement, and the potential for larger gains from more ambitious climate action; and

WHEREAS, this year's theme of "Building a Fairer, Healthier World".

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Directors of West County Wastewater hereby proclaim recognition of World Health Day, April 7, 2021 themed "Building a Fairer, Healthier World" and encourages all employees, constituents and visitors alike to help reduce emission of greenhouse gases and improve our climate.

Dated: April 7, 2021

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Harry Wiener, Director

Cesar Zepeda (Apr 12, 2021 09:21 PDT) Cesar Zepeda, Vice President

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Sherry Stanley, Director