RESOLUTION of the Board of Supervisors County of Humboldt



WHEREAS, Jill K. Duffy was hired as the Executive Director for Humboldt Waste Management Authority in 2012 after serving eight years as the 5th District Humboldt County Supervisor; and

WHEREAS, Jill brought along her uncanny ability to consume and comprehend materials and complex regulatory documents, along with her planning acumen to spearhead the Phase 1 and Phase 2 closure of the Cummings Road Landfill while working through a Clean Up and Abatement Order for the Cummings Road Burn Ash site; and

WHEREAS, whether she was giving presentations to City Councils, or talking to customers, her unbridled enthusiasm for HWMA and its programs were evident. Throughout her time, she worked tirelessly to strengthen relationships with residents and jurisdictions through her creation of education and outreach media, at a time when the HWMA was an afterthought to most; and

WHEREAS, this enthusiasm for HWMA is eclipsed only by her tireless efforts to edify The HWMA and its services provided, to include no charge Mattress drop-off, a vast expansion of Hazardous Waste services, solidifying long term recycling processing and solid waste disposal, as well as implementing Sharps and Pharmaceutical disposal options throughout the county; and

WHEREAS, her sound judgment and direction has shaped what HWMA is today, and has shifted the HWMA from a simple transfer station that handled solid waste, to a regional entity that strives to implement sustainable and efficient waste management practices that promote public health and reduce environmental impacts; and

WHEREAS her positive attitude and willingness to take on any task instilled confidence and a sense of community throughout the HWMA staff, with her willingness to guide and counsel the next generation of organizational leaders ensuring the health of the Authority remains long after her; and

WHEREAS, Jill K. Duffy, HWMA's Executive Director retired on January 15, 2022 with almost 10 years of exemplary service to the Authority, and over 25 years and counting of service to the public.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors expresses its appreciation for her outstanding record of personal and professional achievements. We wish her good luck in your much-deserved retirement, and know, that the residents of Humboldt County are better for having received your guidance.

February 27, 2024

Rex Bohn, Chair