

VANDENBERG VILLAGE COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT

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Resolution 198-14

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EXPRESSING APPRECIATION TO MARTIN R. DAMWYK UPON RETIREMENT FOR 39 YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE

WHEREAS, Mr. Martin R. Damwyk served honorably in the United States Navy from 1968 through 1972; aboard the *USS Iredell County* supporting Navy SEALS and Army Special Forces on the Mekong River during the Vietnam War; and aboard the *USS Arlington* as part of the Navy Recovery Force for Apollo 11 (the spaceflight that landed the first humans on the Moon) when the command module splashed down in the Pacific Ocean on July 24, 1969; and

WHEREAS, after discharge from the Navy, he returned to Lompoc, California, and was hired by Park Water Company on November 5, 1973, working progressively as a laborer, pump maintenance mechanic, and utility serviceman in the fledgling community of Vandenberg Village; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure with Park Water, Martin mastered all aspects of operating the community water treatment and distribution system consisting of three groundwater wells, iron and manganese pressure filter, chlorine disinfection system, four booster pumps, and three ground storage tanks. Martin was also responsible for maintaining the wastewater collection system and conveying sewage to the regional wastewater plant in Lompoc for treatment; and

WHEREAS, Martin worked briefly as a water operator at nearby Vandenberg Air Force Base. During this timeframe, ownership and responsibility for the community's water and wastewater services were transferred from the private water company to the newly-formed public agency, Vandenberg Village Community Services District; and

WHEREAS, in 1990 Vandenberg Village Community Services District hired Martin as its first field supervisor. The early years of the community services district were difficult—politically, functionally, and financially—but Martin laid the foundation for a cohesive four-member field crew. His crew not only kept operations running smoothly but started thinking ahead to gradually improve ailing facilities and infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, in 1994 Martin's job title was changed to Operations & Maintenance Manager and in this role he was instrumental in accomplishing many system improvements including the following:

- Constructing two new one-million gallon ground storage tanks, dramatically increasing storage capacity to meet future demand and improve fire protection.
- Modernizing old wooden structures and seismic-retrofitting the clear well at the water treatment plant.
- Retrofitting three old sewer lift stations with above-ground pump configurations to eliminate confined space access and improve maintainability.
- Converting Pacific Gas & Electric services to time-of-use metering to reduce energy use and expenses.
- Implementing a computerized preventative maintenance system.
- Replacing the supervisory control and data acquisition system—twice.
- Fielding an automated meter reading (AMR) system consisting of 2,465 new AMR water meters and a vehicle drive-by system using digital 3G technology to electronically read them; and

WHEREAS, Martin maintains California Department of Public Health certifications as a Grade 4 Water Treatment Operator and a Grade 3 Water Distribution Operator. During his combined 39 years of service with Park Water Company and Vandenberg Village Community Services District, Martin was responsible for treating and distributing over 20 billion gallons of drinking water and collecting over 8 billion gallons of wastewater for the community of 6,500 people; and

WHEREAS, Martin was always concerned about workplace safety and he never had an on-the-job injury himself.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of Vandenberg Village Community Services District, that Martin R. Damwyk be commended, thanked, and congratulated upon his retirement on July 14, 2014, for 39 years of dedicated service to the residents of Vandenberg Village.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of the Vandenberg Village Community Services District this 17th day of June, 2014 upon motion by Director Wyckoff, seconded by Director Blair, and as approved by the following roll call vote:

AYES:	Directors Blair, Brooks, Fox and Wyckoff
NOES:	None
ABSENT:	Director Redmon
ABSTAIN:	None



Robert Wyckoff, President
Board of Directors

ATTEST:



Stephanie Vlahos
Secretary to the Board of Directors