

Resolution No. 2018-

RESOLUTION OF THE SOLANO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS RECOGNIZING THE 30th ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF THE PUTAH CREEK COUNCIL AND ITS CONTINUED ADVOCACY, EDUCATION AND STEWARDSHIP

WHEREAS, the Putah Creek Council was founded Feb. 3, 1988 with the goal of uniting people who would work to protect Putah Creek riparian habitat and water level. At the time, California was experiencing a drought and lower Putah Creek – the 23 mile stretch from the Putah Diversion Dam to the Yolo Bypass – experienced areas of drying and fish deaths during the summers of 1989 and 1990. The drought and its impact on the creek became a cause of great concern among conservationists, landowners and nature lovers; and

WHEREAS, by 1990 the Putah Creek Council sought enhanced, permanent flows of water for the creek, sparking a nearly 10-year-long legal battle. The litigation was resolved outside of the courtroom on May 24, 2000, when the Putah Creek Council, officials from University of California, Davis, Solano County Water Agency, Solano Irrigation District, the city of Davis and others gathered at the Putah Diversion Dam to enter into the Putah Creek Water Accord. This agreement not only secured water rights and increased flows, but led to the formation of the Lower Putah Creek Coordinating Committee, the hiring of a streamkeeper, and funding for restoration projects; and

WHEREAS, over the last three decades, the Putah Creek Council has performed restoration work in Putah Creek to improve riparian habitat, improve water quality, and limit erosion. In conjunction with the work of Streamkeeper Rich Marovich, landowners and the Solano County Water Agency, increasingly more Fall run Chinook salmon are returning to Putah Creek to spawn. A significant amount of work has been done to install rock weirs, create floodplains and side channels, and enhance gravel beds for spawning salmon; and

WHEREAS, today, the Putah Creek Council offers hands-on environmental educational programs in K-8 classrooms, operates a native plant nursery to support its habitat enhancement projects, hosts clean up events along the creek, public talks and tours as well as manages a docent program at Lake Solano Park.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Solano County Board of Supervisors hereby recognizes the 30th anniversary of the Putah Creek Council and their continued advocacy, education and stewardship of Putah Creek.

Dated this 6th day of February, 2018

JOHN M. VASQUEZ, Chair
Solano County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:
BIRGITTA E. CORSELLO, Clerk
Solano County Board of Supervisors

By: _____
Jeanette Neiger, Chief Deputy Clerk