



Legislation Text

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Approve and present a plaque of appreciation to David Rothrock, Senior Engineering Technician, upon his retirement from the Department of Resource Management, with over 17 years of dedicated public service to Solano County (Supervisor Spering)

Published Notice Required? Yes ☐ No ☒
Public Hearing Required? Yes ☐ No ☒

DEPARTMENTAL RECOMMENDATION:

The Department of Resource Management recommends that the Board of Supervisors approve and present a plaque of appreciation to David Rothrock, Senior Engineering Technician, upon his retirement from the Department of Resource Management, with over 17 years of dedicated public service to Solano County.

SUMMARY/DISCUSSION:

David Rothrock grew up in Bishop, California, and began his career in the agricultural business. In 1986, David took a job with Trade King, a hay exporter in Fallon, Nevada, eventually promoting to Operations Manager. In 1996, he then went to work at Hans Hilleby Farms in Woodland, California, as a manager in farm operations. In 1999, Mr. Rothrock began taking math, engineering and computer aided drafting courses in the evenings at Solano Community College, shifting his goals towards a career in Public Works Engineering. On August 1, 2000, Mr. Rothrock was hired by Solano County as an Engineering Technician (Entry) working in the Department of Transportation.

Mr. Rothrock initially worked on office engineering tasks related to projects, surveying, and drafting. Having an interest and a talent for field work, he transitioned to a position on the survey crew which provided him significant training opportunities to learn about road grading, construction staking, traffic controls, and general construction. He was promoted to Engineering Technician (Journey) on February 3, 2002. Mr. Rothrock then transitioned into the Construction Section in Public Works Engineering, where he began working as an inspector on County road and bridge projects.

On November 16, 2008, Mr. Rothrock was promoted to Senior Engineering Technician becoming a lead inspector for Public Works Engineering. Mr. Rothrock excelled in his inspection duties, exercising fair judgment with attention to detail. He is noted for providing detailed reporting and timely payment to contractors. Mr. Rothrock's keen eye for quality control lead to him maintaining the soils and concrete laboratory, as well as leading our inspector certification programs. He also built and maintained Public Works Engineering spreadsheets for quantity calculations and payments for our projects.

As a result of his commitment to quality inspection and testing, and desire and ability to improve our contractor payment processes, David Rothrock has earned the respect and admiration of his colleagues. He retired as a Senior Engineering Technician on June 2, 2018 after 17 years of dedicated service to Solano County and its residents. Mr. Rothrock plans to return to farming near Fallon, Nevada, and continue the organic alfalfa farming business that his parents started.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The costs associated with preparing the agenda item is included in the department's FY2017/18 Adopted Budget as are the costs associated with preparation and purchase of the plaque of appreciation for David's service to the County

ALTERNATIVES:

The Board could choose to not approve the plaque of appreciation. This alternative is not recommended because Mr. Rothrock's service to Solano County is worthy of recognition and provides a positive example for others.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

The County Administrator's Office has reviewed the item and concurs with the Department's recommendation.

CAO RECOMMENDATION:

APPROVE DEPARTMENTAL RECOMMENDATION