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BOARD AGENDA MEMO

MEETING DATE: January 24, 2023

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Heidi Hall, District 1

SUBJECT: Certificate of recognition for departing Executive Director of the South Yuba River Citizens League Melinda Booth

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the certificate of recognition

FUNDING: N/A

BACKGROUND: Melinda served as the Executive Director of the South Yuba River Citizens League (SYRCL) from 2017 to early 2023. Prior to that, she directed the Wild and Scenic Film Festival from 2011 to 2017, a beloved community event that grew in size and prestige due to her leadership and, today, is recognized as one of the most important film festivals of its kind in the nation.

Under Melinda's supervision, SYRCL's annual budget increased from \$2 million to \$12 million. By the end of her tenure, the organization had a staff of 28, and Melinda was a respected regional watershed ecology leader and influencer.

During her time with SYRCL, one of Melinda's greatest accomplishments was having built key partnerships with major stakeholders, including the Nature Conservancy, the U.S. Forest Service, the Yuba Water Agency, and others. She also extended SYRCL's leadership of impactful projects such as meadow restoration at Donner Summit.

Melinda also has worked in education, conservation, research, and public outreach campaigns surrounding wildlife and iconic species like bears, wolves, and salmon in the American West.

Item Initiated: Sarah Holyhead
Approved: Julie Patterson-Hunter
Submittal Date: January 11, 2023