

State of California  
State Water Resources Control Board  
Resolution No. 81-97

Expressing Appreciation To

Paul S. Sonderson

WHEREAS, The State Water Resources Control Board wishes to salute Paul Sonderson for 31 years of excellent service protecting California water quality, and

WHEREAS, Paul pioneered the regional approach to water quality control and was the first Executive Officer of the Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board, and

WHEREAS, Paul initiated programs to construct needed sewage treatment plants throughout the region, contributing to water quality protection from Monterey Bay in Santa Barbara, and

WHEREAS, In 1955, Paul took over as Executive Officer of the State Water Pollution Control Board, serving with distinction through its transition to the State Water Quality Control Board, and

WHEREAS, During his 11-year term as State Executive Officer, Paul launched a comprehensive San Francisco Bay study which laid the foundation for subsequent Bay water quality control efforts, and

WHEREAS, Paul played a significant role in the success of the merger of the State Water Quality and Water Rights Boards into the State Water Resources Control Board, and

WHEREAS, As Chief of the Division of Water Quality, Paul successfully directed the start-up and expansion of the massive Clean Water Grants program, and

WHEREAS, Paul has coordinated regional operations for the State Board from 1973 to the present, providing essential and effective liaison between the nine Regional Boards and the State, and

WHEREAS, Paul's career has included extensive professional affiliations, including past presidencies of the United States Association of State and Interstate Water Pollution Control Administrators and the California Water Pollution Control Association, and

NOW Therefore Be It RESOLVED, That the State Water Resources Control Board, on behalf of itself and the people of California, expresses its indebtedness to Paul for his clear vision, unselfish labor and invaluable contributions to the quality of our environment, and

Be It Further RESOLVED, that the Board wishes Paul much happiness in his retirement and success in his future endeavors.

December 30, 1981

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