

Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors Proclamation

HONORING PAUL GARCIA

WHEREAS, Paul Garcia is retiring after more than 24 years of public service, deserving recognition for his dedication and commitment to the County's GIS program; and

WHEREAS, Paul was hired in 2001 as extra help to support the development of the fire run books for the fire chiefs association, and was subsequently hired full time and promoted through the GIS analyst ranks to the level of GIS Analyst III; and

WHEREAS, Paul has made significant contributions to the overall success of the County's GIS program, including the development of the GISweb Application, the open data portal, the GIS training site, departmental mapping needs including Planning and the District Attorney's office; and

WHEREAS, Paul supported the Emergency Operations Center during numerous activations and helped the County with preparedness through his work supporting the Emergency Management Performance Grant, including developing the County's Critical Facilities dataset and the SAFER (Situational Awareness for Emergency Response) app and worked with the building inspectors to develop a damage assessment workflow; and

WHEREAS, Paul put in a herculean effort during and after the 2020 CZU fire response by covering the 12 hour night shift at the EOC, supported the damage assessment and recovery efforts, and again supported the EOC through the 2023 atmospheric river storm events.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Felipe Hernandez, Chair of the Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors, hereby thank Paul Garcia for his decades of dedicated civil service and his contributions to the County's GIS program and the community.




Chairperson, Board of Supervisors

March 27, 2025

Date