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To: Darlene Bloom, Clerk of the Board

From: Supervisor Pat Bates *Pat*

SUBJECT: ADDITION OF RESOLUTION - SUPPLEMENTAL

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Please add the resolution for "American Wetlands Month" for Board approval to the May 15, 2007, Board supplemental agenda.

Chris Norby

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May 15, 2007

**COUNTY OF ORANGE: RESOLUTION HONORING MAY AS AMERICAN WETLANDS MONTH
AND THE 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA WETLANDS RECOVERY
PROJECT**

WHEREAS, the wetlands of the United States of America are the link between land and water, where the flow of water, the cycling of nutrients and the energy of the sun meet to produce ecosystems that rival coral reefs and tropical rain forests as our planet's most productive ecosystems,

WHEREAS, wetlands provide many benefits to our nation, our communities and to individuals including, acting as buffers to absorb and reduce damage caused by flood waters, removing pollutants from water, cleaning our streams, lakes, and coastline and reducing the cost of treating our drinking water,

WHEREAS, wetlands are important to our multi-billion dollar marine fishing industry, providing spawning grounds and nurseries for many species of fish and shellfish during their life cycles,

WHEREAS, wetlands provide recreational opportunities for fishing, canoeing and hunting, activities that add to our economy and are a source of tourist dollars as well,

WHEREAS, 75% of all life in Southern California depends on wetlands for a part of their life cycle,

WHEREAS, wetlands provide resting, foraging, breeding and nesting grounds for an incredible array of wildlife, some of which only occurs in Southern California,

WHEREAS, as a nation we have lost 50% of our wetlands which are critical to our well-being,

WHEREAS, as a region, Southern California has lost closer to 90% of its wetlands,

WHEREAS, the Southern California Wetlands Recovery Project has long been working in Orange County to acquire, protect and restore our precious wetlands including: Upper Newport Bay Ecological Restoration, Final Design & Implementation, Serrano Creek Stabilization and Restoration, Bolsa Chica Restoration, Huntington Beach Wetlands Acquisition and Restoration Planning, Trabuco Creek Fish Project, Orange Coast River Park, Big Canyon Creek Restoration, Laguna Canyon Creek Restoration, among others;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE ORANGE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS does hereby declare the month of May, 2007, to be American Wetlands Month and commends the Southern California Wetlands Recovery Project and its Orange County stakeholders for their dedication and commitment to preserving, protecting and enhancing the coastal and riparian wetlands of Orange County.

Dated the 22nd Day of May, 2007