



West Basin Municipal Water District

PROCLAMATION

Jim Burton
OCTOBER 14, 2023

Whereas, Jim Burton holds a Bachelor's of Science degree in Civil Engineering with an emphasis in water resources and seismic analysis, along with graduate studies at the University of Southern California in hydrogeology and the modeling of groundwater flow for environmental regulatory compliance, and is a registered Civil Engineer in California, Texas and Hawaii; and

Whereas, Jim Burton diligently worked as a Groundwater Project Manager at Metropolitan Water District of Southern California during the planning, design, and construction of several large diameter State Water Project conveyance pipelines and tunnels, as well as at several other southern California based organizations; and

Whereas, Jim Burton served for 10 years as Natural Resource manager at PSOMAS, developing multiple regulatory mitigation and monitoring programs to balance the natural and built environments; where he was introduced to the Friends of Ballona Wetlands by Dr. Edith Read; and

Whereas, Jim Burton currently serves as President and CEO of EcoKai Environmental, which he founded in 2009, where he and others at EcoKai annually devote hundreds of volunteer hours to the Friends of Ballona Wetlands and Ballona Wetlands Conservancy; and

Whereas, Jim Burton is enthusiastically committed to protect and restore the Ballona Wetlands Ecological Reserve, Freshwater Marsh, and Riparian Corridor, being recognized as the Friends of Ballona Wetlands Volunteer of the Year in 2022.

Now, therefore, be it proclaimed on this, the 14th day of October 2023, that West Basin Municipal Water District hereby recognizes and congratulates *Jim Burton* for his work in championing environmental stewardship and preservation of the Ballona Wetlands.



SCOTT HOUSTON
BOARD PRESIDENT