



Proclamation

RECOGNIZING BECKY QUINTANA AS A RECIPIENT OF THE 2010 UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY'S ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE CHAMPION AWARD

WHEREAS, environmental justice is the fair treatment and meaningful involvement of all people regardless of race, color, national origin, or income with respect to the development, implementation, and enforcement of environmental laws, regulations, and policies; and

WHEREAS, each year, the United States Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Pacific Southwest office encourages citizens of California, Arizona, Nevada, Hawaii, and the Pacific Islands to nominate individuals or organizations for environmental awards; and

WHEREAS, this program offers an opportunity for recognition of individuals and groups outside of the EPA who are working to protect public health and the environment; and

WHEREAS, in 2010, Becky Quintana of Seville was a recipient of the 2010 United States EPA Environmental Justice Champion Award for her efforts to advocate at the local, state, and regional level for sustainable water solutions and better groundwater protections; and

WHEREAS, Becky's efforts have pushed the development of groundwater protection requirements for irrigated agriculture, and provided resources for pilot studies on how to address nitrate contamination in the Tulare Lake Basin.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Tulare County Board of Supervisors does hereby honor Becky Quintana for her continual efforts to serve as an advocate of a safe environment in Tulare County.

January 25, 2011

Allen Ishida, Vice Chairman

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