

**Resolution No. 2022-12**

**Recognizing and Commending Ross Kawamura for Twenty-Five Years of Valuable Service to the American River Flood Control District**

**WHEREAS**, On May 1, 1997 Ross Kawamura began service as crew member for the American River Flood Control District; and

**WHEREAS** this year marks his twenty fifth year of faithful service to the residents of this District; and

**WHEREAS**, during Mr. Kawamura’s tenure, he successfully performed the duties of Field Operations Manager and currently holds the position of Superintendent in which he is responsible for administering the operation and maintenance program for the District’s 40 miles of levee which protect the lives and property of over 400,000 residents, including 160,000 homes, 5,000 businesses, and 1,200 public facilities in the Sacramento area; and,

**WHEREAS** Mr. Kawamura was part of the American River Flood Control District team which responded to the flood emergencies of January 1997, and again in January 2006 working endless hours under difficult and stressful conditions to insure the flood control system functioned properly to protect the public; and

**WHEREAS**, under Mr. Kawamura’s watch, the District consistently received ratings of Excellent or Outstanding from the California Department of Water Resources during their biennial inspection of the District’s levee; and

**WHEREAS** Mr. Kawamura’s demonstrated exemplary leadership and organization in assisting the District in relocating from its prior location and setting up the new facility; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Kawamura’s mechanical expertise with welding, fabrication, and heavy equipment has propelled the District to the forefront of modern levee maintenance; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Kawamura has demonstrated an excellent work ethic and instilled these values in his crew giving a real life definition for the term “leading by example” in the workplace; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Kawamura’s optimistic nature and warm, friendly personality continues to yield vast benefits to the District through his personal outreach with District residents and highly successful efforts to develop relationships with neighbors along the levee; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Trustees of the District realizes and acknowledges the many benefits derived from Richard’s long and faithful service and excellent performance:

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Trustees of the American River Flood Control District does hereby express to Ross Kawamura its sincere appreciation for his long and faithful service and for his dedication to protecting the Sacramento community; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Board directs that this resolution be included in the District’s records and generously be made known to Mr. Kawamura’s many friends and associates.

*American River Flood Control District  
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