

# Proclamation

Declaring May 17 to the 24 as

## Special Districts Week

WHEREAS, special districts are local governmental entities created by a community's residents, funded by those residents, and overseen by those residents to provide specialized services and infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, over 2,000 independent special districts provide millions of Californians with essential services, including services related to water, sanitation, fire protection, flood protection, mosquito abatement, cemeteries, resource conservation, airports, transit, road maintenance and more; and

WHEREAS, local residents own special districts and govern them through locally elected or appointed boards and these special districts are required to be transparent and accountable to the communities they serve, adhering to all the laws that require open and public meetings, public access to records, regular audits, online posting of finances and compensation; and

WHEREAS, in 1969 several independent special districts formed a statewide association called the California Special Districts Association to promote good governance through professional development, advocacy, and other services for all types of independent special districts; and

WHEREAS, on behalf of the residents of Oakley, the Oakley City Council desires to thank and recognize the many special districts that serve the community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Kevin Romick, the Mayor of the City of Oakley, do hereby join my fellow City Councilmembers and the California State Legislature in proclaiming the week of May 17<sup>th</sup> to the 24<sup>th</sup> as "Special Districts Week," and with deepest gratitude presents this proclamation to the special districts that serve Oakley residents.

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Kevin Romick, Mayor