

**Yolo County
Board of Supervisors**

Resolution No. 23-137

Commending Rachael Long upon her Retirement from the UC Cooperative Extension (UCCE)

WHEREAS, Rachael Long is retiring from a remarkable career as a farm advisor with 37 years of service to the UCCE; and

WHEREAS, Rachael began her career in Yolo County in 1992; and

WHEREAS, Rachael has focused on field crops including alfalfa hay and other forages, dry beans, and hybrid seed crops such as sunflowers, melons and onions; and

WHEREAS, Rachael's research and extension of integrated pest management practices have resulted in enhanced biodiversity, reduced pesticide use, higher crop yields, healthy soils and carbon sequestration, and greater farm productivity and profitability throughout the county and the state; and

WHEREAS, impacts from Rachael's career can be seen in changes in acceptance and adoption by farmers of innovative practices such as bat-friendly habitat for pest reduction, the establishment of hedgerows to support beneficial insects, and the planting of vegetative filter strips and cover crops to reduce soil erosion, all of which enhance ecosystem services, our environment and our society; and

WHEREAS, Rachael has made a successful career of integrating her passion for agriculture with scientific rigor resulting in enduring benefits for our local community and the sustainability of agriculture.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Yolo Board of Supervisors commends and congratulates Rachael Long on her years of commitment and dedication to the people of Yolo County; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Yolo County Board of Supervisors extends its heartfelt and sincere wishes to Rachael Long for a long, happy, and healthy retirement.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 26th day of September 2023 by the following vote:

AYES: Frerichs, Provenza, Barajas, Villegas.

Oscar E. Villegas, Chair
Yolo County Board of Supervisors