



IN THE BOARD OF HARBOR COMMISSIONERS OF  
PORT SAN LUIS HARBOR DISTRICT  
COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO  
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Port San Luis, California

July 26, 2022

**RESOLUTION 22-13**

**RECOGNIZING SHIRLEY GOETZ  
FOR EXEMPLARY WORK AND  
DEDICATION TO THE HARBOR DISTRICT**

**WHEREAS**, the Port San Luis Harbor District desires to recognize and commend individuals that have done an exceptional job in service to the Harbor District and community; and

**WHEREAS** Shirley Goetz approached the Harbor District in 2015 with a proposal to collect discarded fishing line; and,

**WHEREAS**, Shirley revived the volunteer Monofilament Fishing Line Recycling Program at Port San Luis Harbor District; and

**WHEREAS**, Monofilament fishing line causes environmental harm when improperly disposed of. Wildlife may suffer entanglement or even death and boat propellers can be fouled by line; and,

**WHEREAS**, Monofilament fishing line disposed to landfills is not biodegradable and remains a hazard to wildlife for many years; and,

**WHEREAS**, In addition to restarting the program, Shirley greatly expanded monofilament collection efforts by adding many new locations, thereby increasing the convenience of recycling for Harbor patrons; and,

**WHEREAS**, Over the seven-year period she operated the program, Shirley Goetz removed 43.90 pounds of hooks, tackle and fishing line, and 18.95 pounds of recyclable monofilament fishing line from the shoreline and waste streams; and,

**WHEREAS**, With her leadership of the Port San Luis monofilament recycling project, Shirley joined the global community engaged in limiting marine debris, including efforts led by the California Division of Boating and Waterways, California Coastal Commission, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and the United Nations; and,

**WHEREAS**, Shirley Goetz has been tireless in her devotion to protecting the natural environment and educating the public; she has been a long-time volunteer for Pacific Wildlife Care, providing rescue and rehabilitation for injured birds and spearheaded the creation of the Avila Beach Bird Sanctuary, designated December 3, 2013, by the San Luis Obispo County Board of Supervisors; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Harbor Commission that Shirley Goetz is commended and thanked for her exemplary work. We express our appreciation and gratitude for her dedication and commitment to improving the coastal environment for the public and wildlife.

On a motion duly made and carried, the foregoing Resolution is hereby adopted on this

26th day of July 2022

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President of the Board of Commissioners  
Drew Brandy, Commissioner

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Mary Matakovich, Commissioner

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Bob Vessely, Commissioner

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