

RESOLUTION NO. 93-28

A RESOLUTION OF THE RIDGECREST CITY COUNCIL PUBLICLY THANKING THE KERN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, KERN COUNTY STAFF WITH A SPECIAL EXPRESSION OF APPRECIATION TO CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD/FIRST DISTRICT SUPERVISOR ROY ASHBURN FOR THE COUNTY'S WORK AND EFFORTS IN THE SUCCESSFUL PRESENTATION OF THE CASE AND STUDIES RESULTING IN THE DELISTING OF THE MOHAVE GROUND SQUIRREL BY THE CALIFORNIA FISH AND GAME COMMISSION

WHEREAS, the State of California Fish and Game Commission held a public hearing on May 13th and 14th, 1993, to review its findings in regards to Kern County's petition to delist the Mohave Ground Squirrel; and

WHEREAS, the Commission did find in favor of the petition for delisting presented by Kern County Department of Planning and Zoning; and

WHEREAS, the City of Ridgecrest would like to thank the Kern County Board of Supervisor's and a special note of appreciation to Supervisor Roy Ashburn for their work and perseverance on this issue affecting and benefitting the City of Ridgecrest, Indian Wells Valley and Mojave Desert communities of Eastern Kern County; and

WHEREAS, the California Fish and Game Commission did rule on Friday, May 14th, 1993, that the Mohave Ground Squirrel (*Spermophilus mohavensis*) was not a threatened species per the requirements of the Fish and Game Code; and

WHEREAS, the City of Ridgecrest will be able to continue to assure the private property owners in the community that they will be able to fully enjoy their property rights to develop and improve their properties without the unwarranted financial burden of mitigation for a species that is not threatened or endangered; and

WHEREAS, this delisting of the Mohave Ground Squirrel demonstrates to the community, that the individual citizens through cooperation with their elected officials, can achieve, through hard work and determination, a change in their political environment; and

WHEREAS, this action has demonstrated to the Commission, that the California private property owner can no longer be expected to carry the full burden of protecting and preserving plant and animal species in a state where so much of the land is

already under federal and state jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, it further demonstrates and affirms that the species, *Homo sapiens*, also has certain rights meriting protection by its democratically elected government;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Ridgecrest City Council heartily sends its thanks to Kern County and especially to:

Kern County Supervisor Roy Ashburn,
Chairman of the Board of Supervisors,
and Representative of the First District;

His colleagues on the Board of Supervisors who unanimously supported his endeavors;

Kern County Planning & Development Director Ted James and his Staff;

Kern County Counsel Bernard Bormann and Deputy Counsel Charles Collins;

for their actions that effected the delisting of the Mohave Ground Squirrel as a state threatened species by the California Fish and Game Commission.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS 19th day of May, 1993, by the following vote:

Ayes: Mayor Corlett, Council Members Auld, Bitney, Bryan, and Parade.

Noes: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: None.



Kevin S. Corlett, Mayor

ATTEST:



Pam Snyder, Interim City Clerk