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MEMORANDUM

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To: All Staff – Code 2A Date: May 6, 2020
From: Kathy Gallagher, EHSD Director 
Subject: Public Service Recognition Week

Nationally, the first week of May is Public Service Recognition Week. It is a time for honoring the women and men who serve our country as federal, state, county and local government employees. Of course, that means all of us. Now, more than ever, our collective role in upholding the strength of our communities is evident, and government workers richly deserve this annual recognition.

I assure you that as EHSD staff, your dedication and service to Contra Costa community members does not go unnoticed. While you each grapple with the intense impact the COVID-19 pandemic has on your families and personal lives, you are simultaneously responding to the call to serve as County disaster service workers. At EHSD and other County departments, it is apparent that our essential staff has significantly stepped up to meet the needs of our most vulnerable residents, many who have had to turn to us for the first time ever due to new challenges in the wake of this health crisis.

Despite information and policies that change on a daily, if not hourly, basis, and regardless of concerns you may be dealing with related to the health and safety of your own family members, you have heroically pushed through and held strong to make a difference for others in our community. I thank you for your unparalleled commitment to EHSD's mission in this way.

The expressions of appreciation that you read about in the pages of Headlines are but a small sampling of the thanks Contra Costa residents, County leaders, EHSD's Leadership Team and our department's partners have for your work during this time. It's true that we are counting on our County workers to continue supporting the needs of our residents. At the same time, we are working to ensure you are receiving accurate information, timely updates, appropriate resources, and other supports as you do so.

Bask in the honor and recognition for your public service to Contra Costa County during this first week of May and beyond, and, of course, stay strong and be well.