

City of Clearlake,

From the Desk of the Mayor

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August 25, 2016

Attn: Clearlake City Council Members

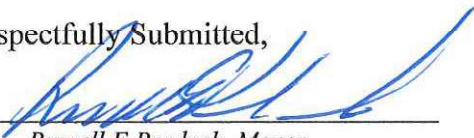
Re: Performance Recognition on Behalf of
Greg Folsom, City Manager

On August 13, 2016, at 6:03 pm, an arsonist ignited an open, grassy field in the town of Lower Lake, and within the following 24 hour period that fire had exploded into a fire storm that would ultimately consume nearly 4000 acres, destroy more than 300 structures and displace our friends and neighbors from 200 homes in Lower Lake. The fire was designated; the Clayton Fire, with Federal, State & Local agencies working diligently to stop its progress.

On the afternoon of August 14, 2016, the winds increased and the Clayton Fire grew until it was once again a raging entity that consumed everything in its path. The first reports from Lower Lake was that most of the town was being destroyed. Then the winds intensified and the fire began to turn NW, toward the City of Clearlake and the thousands of residents within our limits. Without hesitation members of our city staff went into action and began one of the largest evacuations in the city's history. That evacuation involved most of the homes on our eastern border and the evacuation remain in place for nearly two days. During that period staff from the City of Clearlake remained positioned and ready to assist as needed and directed. It was my pleasure to witness such fine examples of dedication, support and compassion when it was needed most. It is for this reason I would like to recognize you for part you had in keeping our residents and guests safe, informed and returned to their homes as soon as it was reasonably possible. As I prepare this for you, the fire is still not fully contained but our communities have been changed forever.

I would like to extend my personal appreciation for your performance, personal commitment to the citizens of our city and our neighbors and friends in Lower Lake. I know you missed valuable time away from your family during the Clayton Fire event, but your leadership and guidance did not go unnoticed. You kept our city council informed of the fire conditions, attended meetings in the early morning hours and remained involved attending briefings into the late evenings, participating in all aspects of this emergency. From all of us please accept my sincerest thanks for all you did.

Respectfully Submitted,



Russell E Perdock, Mayor