

Mayor and Council Offices

Memorandum

Date:

March 24, 2020

To:

Mayor and City Council

From:

Executive Assistant to the Mayor and City Council

Subject: Adjournment of the March 24, 2020 City Council Meeting

Please adjourn the March 24, 2020 City Council meeting in memory of the following individuals:

Robert (Bob) Young, Northern California Power Association (NCPA) Geothermal Facility Manager

- Bob Young joined the NCPA on June 21, 2010, as a Geologist V at the Geothermal Facilities in Steam Production.
- Bob brought to NCPA nearly 30 years of Geysers Geothermal experience in numerous capacities, including four years as a Wellsite Geologist, two years as a Steam Field Operator, and 13 years as a Geothermal Senior Power Plant Operator.
- Bob was a well-respected member of NCPA's team and performed his job with competence and humility. Because of these qualities, Bob rose to one of the highest levels of leadership within NCPA. He was promoted to the position of Geothermal Plant Manager in December 2013, a position he held for six years.
- In 2019, Bob took the lead in planning and executing the Drilling Program Well Workover Project. Because of his expertise and outstanding leadership, this complicated project was completed on time, within budget, and most importantly, with no injuries.
- Bob also provided exemplary leadership in response to the Lake County Valley Fire, which occurred
 in September 2015. He led the coordination effort to rebuild the 21kV transmission line supporting the
 NCPA Geysers Geothermal plant, and as important, provided support to fellow employees who
 suffered devastating losses in the fire.
- Always a smile, kind words, and thoughtfulness toward others, Bob was a true gentleman. He was an
 avid duck hunter, outdoorsman and family man. He was dedicated to NCPA's mission and goals, and
 always focused on the safety of his colleagues as they worked together to ensure the integrity of the
 Geothermal facilities.
- Bob passed away peacefully on Thursday, March 12, 2020, at his home in Lake County, surrounded by his family. He will have an everlasting place in the hearts of his employees, the NCPA family.

Gerda Jensen-Bull, Long-Term Santa Clara Resident and Founding member of the Old Quad Residents Association

- Gerda Jensen-Bull was born and raised in Watsonville, CA. After high school, she moved to San Francisco where she attended college focusing on dental assisting.
- Upon graduation, she accepted a job working for a dentist in Palo Alto and met her husband of 63 years, Jim Bull.
- Gerda loved the City of Santa Clara, and it's where she, and her husband Jim, chose to raise their family. She worked in Silicon Valley during its budding years. A loyal employee, she was as a Quality Control Inspector for Fairchild Corporation as well as RACAL-Vadic.
- A proud Mom, Gerda was always present when her girls competed in Santa Clara Aquamaids. She
 volunteered on fundraising projects that supported the organization. You could always count on
 seeing Gerda at the Friday Night Bingo fundraisers.
- Gerda enjoyed their historic home on Washington St. in downtown Santa Clara—a house they made a home, thanks to many refurbishing projects that she and Jim worked on together over the years. They were instrumental in the general plan and rezoning of the Old Quad, making way for the preservation of Santa Clara's historic district.
- In later years, one of Gerda's most favorite pastimes was to join her husband Jim as they took to the road in their RV, traveling throughout the United States including trips to the family farm back in Windfield, Alabama. Her fondest memories were when the grandkids joined them on their road trip adventures.
- Gerda Bull passed away peacefully in Santa Clara on March 17, 2020. She is survived by three daughters: Cindy, Carolyn and Carrie, 7 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.