



Proclamation of the MIDPENINSULA REGIONAL OPEN SPACE DISTRICT

GIVEN TO HONOR THE RETIREMENT OF

Craig Beckman

WHEREAS, Craig Beckman has been an employee of the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District for 40 years and is retiring as the longest serving full time employee in the history of the District; and

WHEREAS, Craig started as a Seasonal Ranger aide in 1984, was hired as a Skyline Ranger in 1986, became an Equipment Mechanic Operator in 1995, promoted to Maintenance Supervisor in 2000, and was promoted again to Skyline Area Manager in 2016, continuously serving in the Skyline Area and can properly be known as Mr. Skyline; and

WHEREAS, Craig has been responsible for diligently and systematically managing all the maintenance and operations of the Skyline Area since becoming a supervisor, all the while maintaining the most cluttered office and assigned vehicle in the history of the District; and

WHEREAS, Craig was extremely dedicated to the District's Fire Program, leading many trainings, always at the ready and likely responding to the majority of fires on District land given that he was always available for a call-out in the middle of the night (or more likely initiated the response himself because he was monitoring fire channels while off duty) to promptly respond with the District's water truck as support for other agencies; and

WHEREAS, Craig was the District's original cartographer before there was a GIS program, with staff sending him all the original map books for him to hand draw the new properties using a green color pencil for property outlines and shading; and the Skyline Area's first IT staff before there were IT staff; and

WHEREAS, Craig can often be seen returning from the field with his green overalls sparkling with sweat salt from head to toe, because that is just how hard he works; and in later years in green shorts with his trusted orange measuring tape on his belt; and

WHEREAS, Craig's record of accomplishments leaves a lasting legacy in the history of the District and the people he worked with; and

WHEREAS, Craig will be greatly missed by neighbors, road associations, firesafe councils, local and regional fire agencies, and his colleagues and friends at the District.

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District unanimously and enthusiastically congratulate Craig on a well-deserved retirement, look back on his accomplishments with gratitude and awe, and wish him all the very best for the future.

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