



*Proclamation of the*  
**MIDPENINSULA REGIONAL  
OPEN SPACE DISTRICT**

GIVEN TO HONOR THE RETIREMENT OF

*Gordon Baillie*

WHEREAS, Gordon Baillie has been an employee of the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District for over 22 years and is retiring; and

WHEREAS, Gordon came to the District with many years of experience working as a Ranger for the National Park Service, U.S. Forest Service and City of Palo Alto; and

WHEREAS, Gordon has shown tremendous honesty and professional integrity as well as demonstrated a deep caring for open space and the people with whom he works; and

WHEREAS, Gordon possesses deep knowledge of District methods, procedures, staff and evolution, and has the ability to clearly articulate the District's mission, core values and policies to staff, members of the public, stakeholders, agencies, and others in the community; and

WHEREAS, Gordon has personally trained many of the District rangers, including his supervisors, and was instrumental in developing the District's Radio Training program as well as serving as a CPR and First Responder Instructor; and

WHEREAS, Gordon served as the District's Field Public Information Officer, dealing with the media at events such as fires, fatality accidents, a mountain lion attack, and a unique situation at Lupine Lodge; and

WHEREAS, Gordon is not afraid to take on challenges and to step up when requested to cover Budget, Action Plan, Measure AA Costing, Notary work, and other District-wide needs; and

WHEREAS, Gordon used and enhanced his computer skills to solve problems through the development of sophisticated spreadsheets, databases, and well written documents, and

WHEREAS, Gordon continued to maintain his field skills and contacts by working a second job as a Ranger with the City of Palo Alto, and maintained his certification as an Emergency Medical Technician, and put those skills and knowledge to good use at the District; and

WHEREAS, Gordon will be greatly missed by his colleagues and friends at the District;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Pete Siemens, President of the Board of Directors of the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District, along with my colleagues on the Board of Directors, unanimously and enthusiastically congratulate Gordon 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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**PETE SIEMENS, BOARD PRESIDENT**