

## **RESOLUTION NO. 11-XX**

### **RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE MIDPENINSULA REGIONAL OPEN SPACE DISTRICT HONORING LILY LEE, COOLEY LANDING PROJECT MANAGER FOR THE CITY OF EAST PALO ALTO, UPON COMPLETING HER TENURE ON THE COOLEY LANDING PROJECT**

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**WHEREAS**, the success of the Cooley Landing Project is the result of the tireless efforts by a collaboration of dedicated staff from both the City of East Palo Alto and the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District; and

**WHEREAS**, one such individual, Lily Lee, in both her professional and personal capacities, has continually shown a sincere, deep dedication and commitment to the Cooley Landing Project, which she has lovingly dubbed “The Cause”, and since 2000, has been instrumental to its success; and

**WHEREAS**, Lily Lee has, for almost two years, worked tirelessly day and night, weekday and weekend, from and into the wee hours of dawn to bring the Cooley Landing Project to fruition for the greater benefit of the East Palo Alto community and the overall region; and

**WHEREAS**, Lily Lee has attended almost every event imaginable, just in case an opportunity benefiting the Project presented itself; has invariably come away from each event with at least one useful piece of information; and has thus developed strong friendships, partnerships, and collaborations with individuals, sister agencies, non-profits, community groups, and other public agencies to inspire a deep appreciation of this precious peninsula among the public and especially the youth; and

**WHEREAS**, Lily Lee’s persistent and tireless efforts at fundraising have raised over \$3 million, and counting, and has resoundingly set the stage for the success of the Project, so that those who follow can continue the cause; and

**WHEREAS**, Lily Lee’s unflagging enthusiasm and energy have guided the Project through the unenviable and unending task of herding “cats” and navigating the labyrinthine maze of virtually every local, regional, state, and federal permitting process known to humankind; and

**WHEREAS**, Lily Lee has despondently realized that she cannot find a way to extend her time with the Project, which will cause her last day to be April 8, 2011 as she returns to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency who has graciously loaned her out twice; and

**WHEREAS**, Lily Lee has fervently declared that all can rest assured that she will never be far away and to expect her at the next volunteer event, be it planting California native plants or pulling weeds; and

**WHEREAS**, though District staff is sad to see Lily Lee go, they are honored to have worked with her and are happy that she will finally be able to take a breather, re-charge for her next cause, and maybe even have the chance to see her kids before bedtime.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Directors of the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District, on behalf of its staff and its constituents, does hereby commend, applaud, and give its highest honors and gratitude to Ms. Lily Lee for her commitment and dedication to this remarkable Project, site, and community.

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