

RESOLUTION NO. 11-XX

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE MIDPENINSULA REGIONAL OPEN SPACE DISTRICT HONORING AUDREY RUST, PRESIDENT OF THE PENINSULA OPEN SPACE TRUST, FOR HER OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY AND LEADERSHIP IN THE PRESERVATION OF OPEN SPACE LANDS

WHEREAS, Audrey Rust has provided exceptional leadership as the executive director and president of the Peninsula Open Space Trust (POST) for the last 24 years; and

WHEREAS, Audrey Rust has been an essential and tireless partner of the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District, helping to preserve thousands of acres of critical lands now in public ownership with the District, including the 3,681-acre Driscoll Ranch property and the 1,047-acre Mindego Hill property, among many others; and

WHEREAS, Audrey Rust has helped POST become a national leader among land trusts through creative and successful fundraising and has helped realize the public’s goal of preserving connected natural lands in the Bay Area by partnering with many other public and private organizations; and

WHEREAS, during Audrey Rust’s tenure there, dollar by dollar and acre by acre, POST has raised \$325 million and preserved over 53,000 acres of land in San Mateo, Santa Clara and Santa Cruz counties for critical wildlife and plant habitat, scenic views, public recreation and productive farmland; and

WHEREAS, Audrey Rust’s tenacity and commitment to an unwavering vision has forever changed the Bay Area landscape, the health of the natural environment and the quality of life of its current and future residents for the better; and

WHEREAS, Audrey prepares to retire on July 1, 2011.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District’s Board of Directors honors Audrey Rust’s remarkable career, the legacy of protected lands she has helped to preserve for all time and her bold vision for future land preservation in the San Francisco Bay Area and beyond.

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