

RESOLUTION NO. 15-__

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
MIDPENINSULA REGIONAL OPEN SPACE DISTRICT COMMENDING
AND HONORING THE SAN MATEO COUNTY RESOURCE
CONSERVATION DISTRICT ON ITS 75TH ANNIVERSARY**

WHEREAS, the San Mateo County Resource Conservation District was formed in 1939 as the first resource conservation district in the State of California, and now partners with land owners and managers, technical advisors, area jurisdictions, government agencies, and others, acting as an agent of the United States to protect, conserve, and restore natural resources on over 157,000 acres of land in San Mateo County; and

WHEREAS, the San Mateo County Resource Conservation District was founded by a group of concerned farmers to provide technical assistance to the farming community in San Mateo County as a local counterpart to the federal government's Soil Conservation Service, now the Natural Resources Conservation Service, as a visionary program to ameliorate the "Dust Bowl" crisis of the 1930s, when millions of acres of cropland were destroyed by drought and soil loss; and

WHEREAS, the dedicated efforts of those founders helped to pioneer the resource conservation movement in the State of California, encouraging others such as the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District to follow in their footsteps and mirror their leadership to protect, in perpetuity, a regional greenbelt, and the rich natural resources found therein; and

WHEREAS, the San Mateo County Resource Conservation District has played an invaluable role in watershed assessment and planning, and served as a tireless advocate and coordinating body for regional conservation efforts, thus enabling agencies like the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District to implement vital conservation projects, resulting in the restoration of habitat for threatened and endangered species and greatly advancing our stewardship of the land for many years to come; and

WHEREAS, the San Mateo County Resource Conservation District serves as a model to other conservation agencies of best practices in watershed planning, wildlife habitat improvement, water conservation, and other resource management activities, and has been a leader in providing education and technical assistance in natural resources management and stewardship; and

WHEREAS, on February 19, 2015, community leaders, partners, the board of directors, staff, and the public will celebrate 75 years of exceptional service to San Mateo County, which has created a world-class system of parks and preserves that conserves, protects, and restores natural resources.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District does hereby commend and congratulate the San Mateo County Resource Conservation District for having joined together to create the outstanding achievements that have been accomplished over the past 75 years, achievements to be proud of for generations to come, and extends its most sincere wishes and encouragement for continued success.

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PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District on _____, 2015, at a Regular Meeting thereof, by the following vote:

AYES:
NOES:
ABSTAIN:
ABSENT:

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Secretary
Board of Directors

President
Board of Directors

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

General Counsel

I, the District Clerk of the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District, hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of a resolution duly adopted by the Board of Directors of the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District by the above vote at a meeting thereof duly held and called on the above day.

District Clerk