



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

GIVEN TO HONOR THE RETIREMENT OF

Meredith Manning

WHEREAS, Meredith Manning has been an employee of the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District for 17 years, starting at the District as an Open Space Planner I in 2005 and retiring as a Senior Planner in October 2021; and

WHEREAS, Meredith completed her duty and responsibilities as a Senior Planner, leading public access planning, public engagement, and major capital projects; completing use and management plan amendments; collaborating on landform restoration projects and trails planning; supporting the District in environmental review and regulatory permitting processes; and mentoring and supporting junior staff; and

WHEREAS, Meredith instilled deep passion, enthusiasm, and confidence in her work and her colleagues, and upheld trust, integrity, and mutual respect for all around her to fulfill her public service role and responsibilities; and

WHEREAS, Meredith strongly believed in the profound impact of the District's mission and work, how the projects that she worked on made a difference for the community we serve, protecting the wildlife and resources in the 65,000 acres of District open space lands in the Santa Cruz Mountains, peninsula, bay, and coast; and

WHEREAS, Meredith nurtured strong relationships with other departments and colleagues to promote the District's collaborative culture, such as working side-by-side with the Land and Facilities Department on restoring the Mount Umunhum summit and Hendrys Creek watershed property in Sierra Azul Open Space Preserve and at Thornewood Open Space Preserve, where she brought her expertise in hydrology, natural resources planning, ecosystem and watershed restoration to roads-to-trails conversion projects; and

WHEREAS, Meredith leaves a legacy of significant contributions, including the Mount Umunhum Site Restoration and Public Access Project, Highway 17 Crossings and Regional Trail Connections Project, Hawthorns Area Plan at Windy Hill Preserve, Hendrys Creek Land Restoration and Monitoring at Sierra Azul Preserve, Schilling Lake Management and Enhancement at Thornewood Preserve, El Corte de Madera Creek Watershed Protection Program and other projects that further the District's mission; and

WHEREAS, Meredith will be greatly missed by her colleagues and friends at the District as she goes forth with her "living the dream" encore, as she often states;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Curt Riffle, 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 Meredith on a well-deserved retirement, look back on her accomplishments with gratitude and awe, and wish her all the best for the future.

CURT RIFFLE, BOARD PRESIDENT