

# RESOLUTION

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
PROCLAMATION HONORING AND COMMENDING

*Stephen E. Abbors*

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**WHEREAS, Stephen “Steve” Abbors** joined the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District (Midpen) as its General Manager in 2008 and concluded his tenure in 2017; and

**WHEREAS, Steve** continued to honor Midpen’s commitment to San Mateo County through its 2004 Coastal Service Plan, whose mission is to acquire and preserve in perpetuity open space land and agricultural land of regional significance, protect and restore the natural environment, preserve rural character, encourage viable agricultural use of land resources, and provide opportunities for ecologically sensitive public enjoyment and education; and

**WHEREAS, Steve** has demonstrated effective land stewardship in San Mateo County through Midpen’s work in the La Honda Creek Open Space Preserve, such as sedimentation reduction and erosion control of the roads and trails and grazing infrastructure improvements in the southern portion of the preserve; and

**WHEREAS, Steve** partnered with the City of East Palo Alto to clean up and restore the former open burn dump called Cooley Landing, establishing a nature education center that promotes greater awareness and appreciation of Bayfront habitats, and establishes a key segment of the San Francisco Bay Trail; and

**WHEREAS, Steve** successfully embarked upon an eighteen-month public engagement process in San Mateo and Santa Clara Counties as part of Midpen’s Vision Plan Project entitled “Imagine the Future of Open Space,” a multidisciplinary effort combining scientific analysis with broad public engagement to create a shared vision for the future of the District and the region’s open space; and

**WHEREAS, Steve** worked with his elected Board of Directors to initiate, and ultimately pass, a \$300 million general obligation bond to help finance the realization of the priorities established through the Vision Plan process; and

**WHEREAS, Steve** led the effort to protect an additional 7,600 acres of open space over the last ten years, which included Mindego Ranch, Toto Ranch, and Madonna Creek Ranch in San Mateo County; and

**WHEREAS, Steve** is a thought leader whose dedication and professionalism is admired and appreciated by all of those who have the pleasure of working with him.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, on behalf of the County and all its citizens thereof, hereby acknowledges, commends, and thanks **Stephen E. Abbors** for his professional achievements and lasting contributions to San Mateo County.

*Dated: December 31, 2017*

**SUPERVISORS:**

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*DON HORSLEY, PRESIDENT*

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*DAVE PINE*

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*CAROLE GROOM*

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*WARREN SLOCUM*

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*DAVID J. CANEPA*

**Attest:** \_\_\_\_\_  
*Deputy Clerk of the Board of Supervisors*