

RESOLUTION

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA
RESOLUTION HONORS AND COMMENDS

Kellyx Nelson

2015 Women's Hall of Fame recipient.

WHEREAS, is described as a “force of nature” who has energized the San Mateo County Resource Conservation District (RCD) in its work to provide non-regulatory assistance to landowners seeking to manage their natural resources through conservation projects; and, in working with the Coastside community, she has demonstrated ability to balance the needs of the county’s agricultural providers, while at the same time acknowledging key conservation priorities of habitat and other resources in a way that enables the sustainability and viability of agriculture; and

WHEREAS, described as gracious, diplomatic, and firm, KELLYX NELSON is known as someone who finds common ground among diverse constituencies on complex, long-standing issues while maintaining patience and a positive manner; and, she is credited with a high degree of integrity and exceptional skill in bringing various stakeholders such as farmers, federal Fish and Wildlife agencies, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Agency and others together to solve complex water management issues; and

WHEREAS, KELLYX NELSON has demonstrated the positive impact of her leadership with the RCD’s help in the removal of the Bonde Weir Dam on San Francisquito Creek, a long-desired project to improve access to a high-quality spawning habitat for migrating native steelhead trout; and, she used her collaborative and creative skills to effectively use a Caltrans grant for the restoration of stock ponds; and

WHEREAS, KELLYX NELSON’S prior work as the Conservation Project Manager for the Peninsula Open Space Trust (POST), wherein she developed land stewardship programs and policies for properties that POST owned and easements that they managed; and in doing so, developed and honed her skills to a high degree which she put to use in getting a fish passage in a tributary to Pilarcitos Creek, that reportedly made a huge difference to the community and duly elevated the stature of the RCD; and

WHEREAS, KELLYX NELSON has crafted an exceptional career in both public and private sector conservation planning and environmental education putting to good use her Masters Degree in Public Policy from UC Berkeley and an undergraduate degree from Columbia University in Political and Environmental Science, as well as utilizing life experiences as a long-haul trucker and a motorcycle messenger, in comfortably working collaboratively with a broad cross-section of people, thus resulting in the better protection of San Mateo County’s natural resources under her capable leadership,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, State of California, hereby commends KELLYX NELSON, 2015 Women’s Hall of Fame Recipient, for her exemplary leadership and commitment to the community in San Mateo County.

Dated: March 20, 2015

SUPERVISORS:

CAROLE GROOM, President

DAVE PINE

DON HORSLEY

WARREN SLOCUM

ADRIENNE J. TISSIER

Attest:

Deputy Clerk of the Board of Supervisors