

RESOLUTION 2025-4
EXPRESSING APPRECIATION AND GRATITUDE FOR
LAURA SILVESTRI

Whereas, the San Mateo Resource Conservation District (RCD) is a special district organized under Division 9 of the California Public Resources Code with an original petition granted on July 1, 1939;

Whereas, the RCD is a local hub for conservation, helping the people of San Mateo County build a more thriving natural environment for all;

Whereas, Laura Silvestri has been an exceptional partner to the RCD in her role at Peninsula Open Space Trust and beyond, helping identify, advance, and complete numerous initiatives, projects, and efforts to steward and restore natural and working lands in San Mateo County;

Whereas, Laura helps the RCD center our work on community priorities, which is integral to our mandate of community-based conservation, and her expertise and knowledge have played a valuable role in the RCD helping coastal San Mateo County be environmentally, economically, and socially sustainable—preventing species extinction, ensuring reliable water, reducing the risks of natural disasters, and building resilience to climate change;

Whereas, she brings a steady, calming presence with a clear, get-it-done approach that keeps the focus on making real progress, and consistently goes above and beyond to get work to happen on the ground;

Whereas, her sharp aptitude, effective communication, and dedication to supporting farmers and the land helps her be an effective advocate for the land and the people who live and work on it;

Whereas, she makes new RCD staff feel welcomed into a larger community;

Whereas, RCD staff describe her as a respectable force worthy of recognition whose steady, calming presence, dedication and care have made a real difference for our team, our partners, and the landscapes we’re working to protect;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the San Mateo Resource Conservation District hereby expresses appreciation and gratitude to Laura Silvestri for her profound and enduring contributions to the community and agricultural and natural resources of coastal San Mateo County.

ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Board of Directors on December 18, 2025.

Barbara Kossy, President

Date