



RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION

WHEREAS, Karen Christensen has worked tirelessly and successfully to make watershed restoration and land conservation a high priority for the State of California; and

WHEREAS, under her leadership, Karen has grown the Resource Conservation District of Santa Cruz County (RCD) to be a statewide model for innovative, collaborative, and voluntary solutions to roadblocks to restoration; and

WHEREAS, Karen and the RCD have partnered with the Coastal Conservancy on a myriad of watershed restoration planning efforts since 1998, followed by the development and management of the Integrated Watershed Restoration Program across three counties, the first countywide Partners in Restoration permit coordination program, and the Healthy Lands, Healthy Economies ecosystem services initiative, using the Conservancy's grants to leverage over \$15 million in additional funding for the implementation of hundreds of conservation projects; and

WHEREAS, Karen has additionally spearheaded and participated in many county, regional and statewide conservation efforts including the Livestock and Lands Program, the Pajaro Community Water Dialogue, and the Integrated Regional Water Management Program, leading to her nomination and selection for the prestigious 2013 James Irvine Foundation Leadership Award, which recognizes and supports individuals who are advancing innovative and effective solutions to significant state issues; and

WHEREAS, the RCD's success in creating partnerships has stemmed from Karen's philosophy, in both her work and her life, to treat others as you would have them treat you, looking beyond organizational boundaries to find ways to achieve mutual goals; and

WHEREAS, Karen has been an inspiration and friend to many Coastal Conservancy staff and others involved in the Integrated Watershed Restoration Program and conservation efforts in Santa Cruz County and beyond;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Coastal Conservancy adopts this resolution in recognition of the exceptional contributions made by Karen Christensen that will benefit in perpetuity the people and the environmental resources of Santa Cruz County and throughout the State of California.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF:

STATE COASTAL CONSERVANCY

Dated: March 27, 2014

Douglas Bosco, Chair, State Coastal Conservancy

Samuel Schuchat, Executive Officer