



County of Sonoma
State of California

Date: June 2, 2026

Item Number: _____

Resolution Number: _____

4/5 Vote Required

**Resolution Of The Board Of Supervisors Of The County Of Sonoma, State Of California,
Honoring And Acknowledging Brenda Adelman, Founder Of The Russian River Watershed
Protection Committee (RRWPC), For Over Five Decades Of Exemplary Environmental
Activism And Dedicated Service To The Protection Of The Russian River Watershed.**

Whereas, Brenda Adelman has devoted over five decades to safeguarding the Russian River watershed, beginning her advocacy in the late 1970s and continuing through more than 40 years of dedicated environmental activism; and

Whereas, her leadership was instrumental in the landmark victory to prevent the ongoing use of the Russian River as a wastewater disposal site, a pivotal achievement that fundamentally transformed and protected the ecology of the lower river; and

Whereas, her expertise and insights have been instrumental in shaping the policies and direction of several agencies in the watershed; and

Whereas, her advocacy has consistently prioritized the protection of wildlife, the prevention of toxic algae, and the maintenance of essential river flows, earning her an "impeccable reputation" among community members and local leaders; and

Whereas, her contributions have been recognized by the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board and have served as a model of stellar civic engagement and environmental leadership for the entire region; and

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Whereas, the thriving presence of kayakers, paddleboarders, swimmers, fish, and wildlife along the summer-swollen Russian River stands as a living testament to Brenda Adelman's life work

Whereas, the RRWPC prepares to shut down in May 2026, Brenda leaves behind a legacy of active participation and a standard of environmental excellence that sets an inspiring example for a new generation of "watchdogs".

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors hereby expresses its deepest appreciation to Brenda Adelman for her exceptional service, dedication, and monumental contributions to the preservation of the Russian River watershed.

Be It Further Resolved that as Brenda transitions into retirement, this Board acknowledges the lasting impact of her voice and encourages the community to continue the vital work of advocacy and environmental engagement that she championed for half a century. May her tireless advocacy and perseverance in the face of environmental threats serve as inspiration to future generations of environmental stewards.

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Supervisors:

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Coursey:

Gore:

Hopkins:

Hermosillo:

Ayes:

Noes:

Absent:

Abstain:

So Ordered.