
Date: July 14, 2026

Item Number: _____

Resolution Number: _____

☐ 4/5 Vote Required

Resolution of the Board of Directors of The Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District Honoring and Acknowledging General Manager Misti Arias for Thirty Years of Exceptional Public Service to the People and Lands of Sonoma County Through Her Work at The Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District

Whereas, Misti Arias joined the Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District (Ag + Open Space) staff as a Planning Technician in 1996, and over the next three decades worked as an Open Space Planner, Acquisition Program Manager, Assistant General Manager, and General Manager; and

Whereas, Misti Arias has contributed to nearly 200 land conservation transactions, ranging from the establishment of small-scale community farms to landscape scale conservation easements on wildlands, and was the project lead for some of Ag + Open Space's largest and most complex acquisitions, including Jenner Headlands, Cooley Ranch, and Buckeye Forest; and

Whereas, Misti Arias has and continues to work alongside farmers and ranchers, conservationists, scientists, real estate professionals, and agency, tribal, and nonprofit partners, and the public, to better understand and then manifest the vision of the voters of Sonoma County as expressed through passage of Measures A and C in 1990, and then Measure F in 2006, a vision of locally-funded land conservation that benefits and supports the entire community, through the protection of wild and scenic places, regional recreational and urban gathering spaces, and agricultural lands that support a healthy local food system; and

Whereas, Misti Arias continues to work with land conservation partners to implement land protection and stewardship actions that enhance water and air quality, food security, and ecosystem resilience as our community experiences the accelerating impacts of our changing

climate, and in 2024 was honored by the Greenbelt Alliance for her role in elevating long-term land conservation as a tool for building a more climate-resilient, equitable, and connected Bay Area; and

Whereas, Misti Arias continues to lead with expertise, integrity, courage, and compassion, committed to meeting the challenges of this time, and focused on fulfilling the promise made to the voters of Sonoma County that Ag + Open Space would permanently protect the diverse agricultural, natural resource, and scenic open space lands of Sonoma County for future generations.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that the Board of Directors of the Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District does hereby honor and recognize General Manager Misti Arias for thirty years of exemplary, dedicated service to the people of Sonoma County through her work at Ag + Open Space.

Be It Further Resolved that the Sonoma County Board of Directors expresses its profound gratitude to Misti Arias for her steadfast dedication to the public good and commends her continued leadership in advancing the mission of Ag + Open Space to permanently protect the diverse agricultural, natural resource, and scenic open space lands of Sonoma County for the benefit of current and future generations.

Directors:

Rabbitt:

Coursey:

Gore:

Hopkins:

Hermosillo:

Ayes:

Noes:

Absent:

Abstain:

So Ordered.