



# County of Sonoma

## State of California

Date: August, 13, 2019

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4/5 Vote Required

### **Resolution Of The Board Of Supervisors Of The County Of Sonoma, State Of California, Recognizing Dave Koehler On The Occasion Of His Retirement.**

**Whereas**, Dave Koehler has been dedicated to land protection and community conservation for over thirty years and will retire October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2019; and

**Whereas**, Dave Koehler has shown exceptional passion for protecting and stewarding the beautiful natural, agricultural and open landscapes of Sonoma County during his five years as Executive Director at Sonoma Land Trust; and

**Whereas**, Sonoma County residents have benefited from his talent of building relationships with new partners and communities to share the love of land with a wider number of people who call Sonoma County home, creating a community programs department focused on programming for Latinos, youth and families, such as Bay Camp; and

**Whereas**, Dave Koehler has made remarkable progress and fulfilled goals to create and expand new public outdoor experiences through opening Sonoma Land Trust's first public preserve, Pole Mountain, where the 7.5-mile "Sea to Sky Trail" culminates, the donation of Tolay Creek Ranch to Regional Parks to double the size of Tolay Lake Regional Park, and a 2.5-mile extension to the San Francisco Bay Trail at Sears Point; and

**Whereas**, during his tenure, Dave Koehler has protected over 2,000 acres and added 10,000 acres and more than 10 properties to the Sonoma Land Trust active acquisition pipeline; and

**Whereas**, Dave Koehler has been a visionary for large-scale conservation efforts by adding the Russian River watershed as a focused land protection initiative, and through his involvement in the planning of future use of the Sonoma Developmental Center and the Santa Rosa Southeast Greenway; and

**Whereas**, Dave Koehler is widely known and recognized as an expert in conservation through his work at Sonoma Land Trust and has, thus, received the 2019 Land Trust Alliance National Land Trust Excellence Award recognizing outstanding initiatives to broaden support for land conservation, collaboration, communication, education and outreach; and

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**Whereas**, Dave Koehler has formed productive collaborations with public and private community conservation partners; and

**Whereas**, during his years of service in Sonoma County, Dave Koehler played a leadership role on the passage of public initiatives, such as Measure M, Measure AA and Proposition 68, ensuring funds continue to be available for land preservation.

**Now, therefore be it resolved** that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Sonoma, State of California, hereby expresses its highest gratitude for Dave Koehler's thoughtful and decisive work leading Sonoma Land Trust to become one of the most respected and well-managed Land Trusts in the country.

**Be it further resolved** that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Sonoma hereby recognize the outstanding career of Dave Koehler and his contributions toward protecting the wild and working lands of Sonoma County forever.

**Supervisors:**

Gorin:

Rabbitt:

Gore:

Hopkins:

Zane:

Ayes:

Noes:

Absent:

Abstain:

**So Ordered.**