



County of Sonoma

State of California

Date: November 17, 2020

Item Number: _____

Resolution Number: _____

☐ 4/5 Vote Required

Resolution Of The Board Of Supervisors Of The County Of Sonoma, State Of California, Recognizing Dennis Murphy For Twenty Two Years of Volunteer Service To The Sonoma Resource Conservation District

Whereas, Dennis Murphy has dedicated 22 years of volunteer service to the Sonoma Resource Conservation District, first as an Associate Director and then as a Director;

Whereas, he is a steadfast proponent of conservation through the voluntary efforts of property owners;

Whereas, Dennis has always been a resource for Board and staff, sharing his wealth of knowledge about the Russian River and the history of the RCD;

Whereas, he has consistently guided the RCD to stay true to its strategic plan, and to maintain fiscal prudence in order to sustainably carry out its mission;

Whereas, Dennis has been an active member of Alexander Valley community, serving currently on the board of the Alexander Valley Association and previously on the board of the Russian River Property Owners Association;

Whereas, his community service has extended beyond the bounds of the RCD, the Valley and the River, to include serving currently as Treasurer of St. Paul's Episcopal Church and on the Buildings and Grounds committee at Sonoma Country Day School, and previously for 12 years as a Sonoma County Planning Commissioner;

Whereas, Dennis, who has grown wine grapes in Alexander Valley since 1967, is generous with his knowledge of farming and land management;

Whereas, in late summer and early fall, he can often be found with a scruffy "harvest beard," showing up dutifully for morning meetings after harvesting through the night;

Whereas, Dennis is a devoted family man, husband to Katie Wetzel Murphy, father to their three children, and grandfather to their two-year old granddaughter;

Whereas, in his “spare” time, he can be found tooling around Healdsburg in his carefully restored Model A Fords, fishing, fixing anything that breaks, or walking his vineyards with his crazy dog;

Whereas, Dennis loves to barbeque, and on many an occasion has done so for RCD board, staff, and partners, coming prepared with his own tools and metal trays;

Whereas, whether providing input on a watershed plan, sharing clever ideas about erosion control, offering his vineyard as a pilot site to try a new conservation planning tool, strategizing for groundwater monitoring, helping RCD staff connect with property owners, or rolling up his sleeves to host an RCD event, Dennis has contributed in countless ways to over two decades of RCD successes;

Whereas, even while retiring from his position as a Director at the RCD, he plans to stay involved with the RCD as an Associate Director

Supervisors:

Rabbitt:

Zane:

Gore:

Hopkins:

Gorin:

Ayes:

Noes:

Absent:

Abstain:

So Ordered.