

Monterey County Board of Supervisors

Resolution

Resolution No.: 21-347

Resolution recognizing Sherwood Darington on his retirement as managing director of Ag Land Trust..... )

WHEREAS, Sherwood Darington is a native son of Monterey County and the scion of a pioneer family which has committed its time and treasure, including the donation of the Salinas Rodeo Grounds to the City of Salinas, to and for the betterment of the residents of Monterey County for nearly 150 years; and

WHEREAS, in 1984, and pursuant to Monterey County General Plan Policy 30.0.5, Sherwood Darington was encouraged by the Monterey County Board of Supervisors to join with then-Monterey County Supervisor Marc Del Piero, County Planning Commissioners Walter Basham and Louis Calcagno, County Planning Director Edwin DeMars, and others to form the Monterey County Agricultural and Historic Lands Conservancy, now known as the Ag Land Trust; and

WHEREAS, the Monterey County Board of Supervisors supported the establishment of the Ag Land Trust as a non-profit corporation for the purpose of permanently preserving Monterey County's prime and productive farmlands upon which Monterey County's largest industry and its' employees are dependent near urbanizing areas in municipalities to implement the stated County's goals of preserving prime farmlands and ranch lands from conversion to non-agricultural uses and urban sprawl; and

WHEREAS, Sherwood Darington served for over thirty seven years as a Board Member and the Managing Director (CEO) of the Ag Land Trust, and during that time, has received dedicated easements, donations, and secured grant funding of over \$125,000,000 from private donors, the California Departments of Conservation and Food and Agriculture, the California Coastal Conservancy, the United States Departments of Defense and Agriculture, the California Resources Agency, and other public and private entities for the purposes of permanently preserving Monterey County's unique agricultural and water resources; and

WHEREAS, during Sherwood Darington's tenure, the Ag Land Trust completed 106 real estate transactions resulting in the permanent protection of 46,905 acres of agricultural lands for the future production of food and fiber and the sustainment of thousands of agricultural jobs; and

WHEREAS, during Sherwood Darington tenure, the Ag Land Trust has been a tremendously successful land trust of nationwide repute and has preserved more agricultural lands and open space than any other land trust in Monterey County; and

WHEREAS, Sherwood Darington has decided to retire after his unprecedented thirty seven years of selfless service to the residents and farming communities of the Salinas Valley and Monterey County.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Monterey County Board of Supervisors, on behalf of the County and all its residents thereof, commends and thanks Sherwood Darington for his unmatched and extraordinary contributions to the preservation and protection of the agricultural and natural resources of Monterey County from urban sprawl and his unparalleled efforts to save our county's unequalled prime and productive farmlands and ranch lands for the economic and environmental benefits of future generations of our residents and of the residents of California

PASSED AND ADOPTED on this 19th day of October 2021



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