

*The Board of Supervisors of
Contra Costa County, California*

In the matter of:

Resolution No. 2022/48

Recognizing Friends of San Ramon Creek, Walnut Creek Watershed, Republic Services, Contra Costa Fish and Wildlife Committee and the Volunteers who have worked to remove the invasive Arundo plant from the creeks and watersheds.

WHEREAS, Arundo is an invasive non-native plant that grows along creeks, it can grow four inches a day and up to a total of thirty feet, Arundo consumes prodigious amounts of water, spreads aggressively, is a fire hazard, provides little in the way of habitat for animals, and can restrict creek flow; and

WHEREAS, The San Ramon Valley Creek is a wonderful ecosystem that provides a home to countless native creatures and plants and the ecosystem is threatened by the aggressive, invasive Arundo plant; and

Whereas, The Friends of the San Ramon Creek removed a record 30,000 square feet of Arundo from the San Ramon Creek sub-watershed in 2021, which is in large part due to a Fish and Wildlife Committee grant that allowed them to purchase and rent equipment; and

WHEREAS, The Friends of the San Ramon Creek, as part of the Walnut Creek Watershed Council, have mapped the entire Walnut Creek watershed using satellite imagery to show the enormous extent of the Arundo invasion; and

WHEREAS, The Friends of San Ramon Creek have solicited and received donations and grants from the Walnut Creek Watershed Council, Republic Services, and the Contra Costa County Fish and Wildlife Committee; and

WHEREAS, None of this labor-intensive work could be complete without the leadership of volunteers, Dick Heron, a Danville resident, and Mike Anciaux of Alamo, who have done extraordinary work in removing Arundo from the creek, they have organized crews, worked with homeowners and Boy Scouts, directed contractors, and followed Fish and Wildlife regulations; and

WHEREAS, Dick and Mike have applied for, and successfully received grants to fund the necessary tools and equipment needed for the Arundo removal, in 2021 Republic Services donated six debris boxes, and in 2020 they donated ten debris boxes.

Now, therefore be it resolved that the Board of Supervisors of Contra Costa County does hereby honor and thank the Friends of the San Ramon Creek, the Walnut Creek Watershed Council, Contra Costa County Fish and Wildlife Committee, Dick Heron and Mike Anciaux and the many volunteers who have worked tirelessly to clear our local watersheds of the invasive Arundo plant.

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Chair, District IV Supervisor

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District V Supervisor

I hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of an action taken and entered on the minutes of the Board of Supervisors on the date shown.

ATTESTED: March 1, 2022

Monica Nino, County Administrator

By: _____, Deputy