

2022-14

Resolution of Appreciation

A Resolution of the Board of Directors of the
Monterey Regional Waste Management District to Thank

Kimberle Herring

WHEREAS, Kimberle has served the Monterey Regional Waste Management District and community for over 13 years, building a reputation as a sustainability education leader known for her knowledge, enthusiasm, kindness and creativity. She retired in June of 2020; and

WHEREAS, Kimberle returned to help the District's Communications and Public Education Department starting in spring of 2021. The organization faced reduced staffing due to the pandemic, and she graciously returned to provide her expertise and assistance during a challenging time; and

WHEREAS, Kimberle took a lead role in the planning and development of public education materials for the implementation of SB 1383. This historic legislation establishes statewide targets for the reduction of food waste disposed in landfills and methane emissions, requiring all residents and businesses to separate organic materials from the garbage. This new program requires extensive public outreach and education, and Kimberle helped develop educational materials including websites, FAQs, flyers, press releases and food scrap collection pails for residents' kitchens; and

WHEREAS, in early 2022, Kimberle helped hire and train new Communications and Public Education staff, imparting her many years of knowledge about sustainability practices and District services, and detailing the long and successful history of department initiatives and programs. Her classroom programs, workshops and public tours were beloved and renowned in the community and waste management industry. These lessons were invaluable for onboarding new staff and to ensure the continued success of department and District education programs; and

WHEREAS, Kimberle generously volunteered to host educational table displays at local 2022 Earth Day events and farmer's markets. Her mission was to educate district residents about composting of food scraps under SB 1383. She recorded engagements with hundreds of residents at the Marina and Pacific Grove Farmer's Markets, the Marina Tree and Garden Club and Seaside and Del Rey Oak's Earth Day celebrations, which helped earn her a UC Climate Steward certification.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of the Monterey Regional Waste Management District hereby commends and expresses its gratitude to Kimberle Herring for her passionate and exemplary service to the community and our organization.

PASSED and adopted this 17th day of June, 2022 by the Board of Directors:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ATTEST:

Felipe Melchor, General Manager