

MENDOCINO COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

Board of Directors

PROCLAMATION

HONORING DAN GJERDE

WHEREAS,

- ❖ Dan Gjerde has served with distinction on the Mendocino Council of Governments (MCOG) Board of Directors, first as an alternate member starting in December 1998, then as a regular member in 2003, and finally as MCOG Chair from 2009 to the present, when he will retire from MCOG and from the County Board of Supervisors;
- ❖ During his term of service on the MCOG Board, Dan provided leadership on important transportation planning and funding issues, with dedication to policy development and staff support as a member of the Executive Committee and Transit Productivity Committee;
- ❖ Under his watch, MCOG developed local rehabilitation and maintenance projects, awarded transportation funds to worthy local projects, and made other valuable contributions to programs of benefit to the Mendocino County region, inclusive of all modes of transportation;
- ❖ As an avid cyclist, Dan advocated for Active Transportation projects, long before bicycle and pedestrian modes were given that name by California officials;
- ❖ Dan has sought to expand his own knowledge of transportation issues and best practices and share that knowledge with others by planning tours for the MCOG Board, staff, and other stakeholders highlighting successful transportation projects and services in other parts of California;
- ❖ He initiated MCOG's next great venture into climate action by encouraging staff to research and then the full Council to join the newly formed RuralREN (Regional Energy Network), which will launch much needed programs for Mendocino County in 2025; and
- ❖ Dan has been an outstanding public official and community leader for both the Fourth District and the countywide region as a whole, and now will move into state service as a Caltrans planner;

NOW, therefore, the MCOG Board of Directors and staff hereby express our appreciation to Dan Gjerde for his admirable service to MCOG and the citizens of Mendocino County. We will miss him and wish him all the best in his new endeavors.

Foregoing Proclamation adopted this 4th day of November, 2024.

John Haschak, Vice Chair



50 Years

1972 - 2022

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