

**HUMBOLDT BAY HARBOR, RECREATION,
AND CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-22

**A RESOLUTION COMMENDING LARRY OETKER FOR HIS SERVICE AS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF
THE HUMBOLDT BAY HARBOR, RECREATION AND CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

WHEREAS, Larry Oetker was first appointed to the Humboldt Bay Development Association by the Harbor District on January 28, 2016, to assist in the management of funding from the New Market Tax Credits to repair and save critical infrastructure at Redwood Marine Terminal 2; and

WHEREAS, Larry Oetker played a critical role in using the New Market Tax Credits to redevelop an underutilized and dilapidated asset that today is repurposed and a thriving space. Redwood Marine Terminal 2 is serving the community by providing economic opportunity to small businesses and revenue to the district; and

WHEREAS, Larry Oetker was then hired to serve as the Executive Director of the Harbor District on December 20, 2017; and

WHEREAS, Larry Oetker was instrumental in developing a plan to access and utilize increased county tax revenues from the redevelopment of the Samoa Peninsula industrial lands. The Samoa Peninsula will forever benefit from the Samoa Peninsula Enhanced Infrastructure Finance District; and

WHEREAS, Larry Oetker actively pursued tenants for Redwood Marine Terminal 2 and secured a state-of-the-art aquaculture company, Nordic Aquafarms, that will build and operate a recirculating fish farm on the site; and

WHEREAS, Larry Oetker assisted in the development of a new sewage treatment line utilizing RMT2's Ocean outfall, allowing adjacent communities to grow with better infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, Larry Oetker has been instrumental in dredging Woodley Island Marina; and

WHEREAS, Larry Oetker saw an opportunity to be a part of the solution for climate change and had the foresight to begin the process of developing a Heavy Lift Marine Terminal at Redwood Marine Terminal 1; and

WHEREAS, Larry Oetker saw the value in planning and promoting Redwood Marine Terminal 2 to the offshore wind industry, resulting in recognition and funding from state, federal and private partners to develop the Heavy Lift Marine Terminal; and

WHEREAS, Larry Oetker organized and worked with labor and local business to develop a Project Labor Agreement that will serve the construction of the Heavy Lift Marine Terminal well; and

WHEREAS, Larry Oetker became a friend, mentor, and respected colleague; and

WHEREAS, But perhaps Larry Oetker's most valued skill, or super power, is his ability to put together a stellar staff who work hard and are dedicated to serving the District and Humboldt Bay; and

WHEREAS, Larry Oetker has left a lasting legacy with numerous positive accomplishments around Humboldt Bay and will be sorely missed.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE HUMBOLDT BAY HARBOR, RECREATION, AND CONSERVATION DISTRICT DOES HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

That the Commissioners of the Humboldt Bay Harbor, Recreation and Conservation District do hereby express our heartfelt appreciation for the best efforts and contributions of Larry Oetker as Executive Director and herein wish him the best in all his future endeavors.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Humboldt Bay Harbor, Recreation and Conservation District Board of Commissioners at a duly called meeting held on the 9th day of November 2023 by the following polled vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

ATTEST:

**Greg Dale, President
Board of Commissioners**

**Aaron Newman, Secretary
Board of Commissioners**

CERTIFICATE OF SECRETARY

The undersigned, duly qualified and acting Secretary of the HUMBOLDT BAY HARBOR, RECREATION AND CONSERVATION DISTRICT, does hereby certify that the attached Resolution is a true and correct copy of RESOLUTION NO. **2023-22** entitled,

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as regularly adopted at a legally convened meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the HUMBOLDT BAY HARBOR, RECREATION AND CONSERVATION DISTRICT, duly held on the 9th day of November 2023; and further, that such Resolution has been fully recorded in the Journal of Proceedings in my office, and is in full force and effect.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 9th day of November 2023.

Aaron Newman, Secretary
Board of Commissioners