

# RESOLUTION

HONORING

MICHAEL CONNOR

*For his dedicated service, vision, and generous contributions to the people, science, and natural environment of the Bay Area and its clean water community*



**WHEREAS**, throughout his career, Michael Connor was generous with his humanity, compassion, and irreverent humor, while sharing his invaluable knowledge, mentoring, and scientific and policy expertise with the next generation of Bay Area leaders and public servants; and

**WHEREAS**, as a result of Michael Connor's vision and leadership, the waters of the San Francisco Bay and Delta Estuary and the health of its aquatic life and citizens will be greatly enhanced for generations to come; and

**WHEREAS**, Michael Connor received his B.S. in Biology from Stanford University in 1974 and a Ph.D. in Physical Oceanography from Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution and MIT in 1980; and

**WHEREAS**, prior to moving to California in 2002 he served in a range of research and regulatory capacities in New England, including at EPA Region 1, the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority, and New England Aquarium; and

**WHEREAS**, Michael Connor took on the leadership of the San Francisco Estuary Institute (SFEI) from 2002 through 2008, over which time he doubled the Institute's capacity and increased its public visibility and impact; and

**WHEREAS**, he served as the General Manager of the East Bay Dischargers Authority (EBDA) from 2008 to 2018, a Joint Powers Agency that coordinates the efforts of five local agencies to collectively manage their wastewater treatment, transport, and discharge to San Francisco Bay; and

**WHEREAS** Michael Connor served on the BACWA Board during his tenure at EBDA, and chaired the BACWA Board from 2013-2015, where he oversaw the broadening of BACWA's scope and an increase in the level of service to its members; and

**WHEREAS**, throughout his career Michael Connor demonstrated innovative thinking to explore novel solutions to challenging problems in science, policy, and management, and brought his decades of experience to show the interconnectedness of systems; and

**WHEREAS**, Michael Connor used his positions to mentor young scientists, engineers, and regulatory professionals throughout the clean water community, leaving the Bay Area environmental workforce the better for his involvement and understanding how people are the key to effective environmental stewardship;

**NOW, THEREFORE, IT BE RESOLVED** that Michael Connor is hereby honored for his distinguished service and visionary leadership with SFEI, BACWA, and the Bay Area clean water community.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 15TH DAY OF AUGUST 2025.**

Jacqueline Zipkin  
Exec. Board Chair — BACWA

Ann Hayden  
Chair Board of Directors — SFEI

Ralph Johnson  
Commission Chair — EBDA

