

## CONSERVATION COLLABORATION AGREEMENT

**THIS AGREEMENT** is made and entered into this 16<sup>th</sup> day of April 2018 by and between **SAVE MOUNT DIABLO**, a non-profit corporation organized under the laws of the State of California and under IRS Section 501(c)(3), as may be amended, with its headquarters in Walnut Creek, California (hereinafter referred to as “SMD”), and **CAMPOLINDO HIGH SCHOOL**, a public school in the Acalanes Union High School District with its campus in Moraga, California (hereinafter referred to as “CHS”).

### WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, SMD has a mission to preserve Mount Diablo’s peaks, surrounding foothills and watersheds through land acquisition and preservation strategies designed to protect the mountain’s natural beauty, biological diversity, and historic and agricultural heritage; enhance our area’s quality of life; and provide recreational opportunities consistent with protection of natural resources; and

WHEREAS, CHS has a mission to foster academic achievement and cultivate personal growth in a supportive educational community to prepare all students for a successful future; and

WHEREAS, when SMD was formed in 1971, Mount Diablo was home to just one 6,788 acre park. Today, as a result of the work of SMD and its valued partners, there are more than 50 parks and preserves around the mountain totaling over 110,000 conserved acres. Because of SMD and partner organizations, Mount Diablo and its foothills are one of the Bay Area’s most significant assemblages of natural lands and habitats for the region’s flora and fauna. A study was released last year, entitled “*At Risk: The Bay Area Greenbelt 2017*,” and that report noted the following: “Across the eight Bay Area counties addressed in this report, Contra Costa County has the most total land at risk; about one out of every five acres of threatened land in the region is in Contra Costa. Contra Costa also has the most land at high risk, land that could be developed in the near term.” Further, it is projected that about 2 million more people will move to the Bay Area by 2045. Few realize when they look toward Mount Diablo that the beautiful vistas they see are not fully preserved. Over 60,000 additional acres of natural lands surrounding the mountain are in private ownership and are threatened by development or improper land-uses, and parts of the mountain itself are not yet officially protected; and

WHEREAS, the parties to this Agreement recognize the following: that the Mount Diablo area’s natural environment is greatly threatened by development and other pressures; that the beautiful natural open lands of the Mount Diablo area serve as the nourishing and distinguishing foundation for the East Bay’s communities - from affording us with outdoor recreational and educational opportunities, stunning scenic vistas, critical wildlife habitat, water resources, and local agriculture to making our area a desirable place to live, work and visit; that we cannot take our natural foundation and competitive economic advantage for granted; that we all have a major stake, especially young people, in what our future environment will be like and that decisions which will impact that environment are happening now; that it is therefore important for people, especially young people, to learn about and directly connect with their natural environment, especially in this modern and fast paced society which often distracts us from the

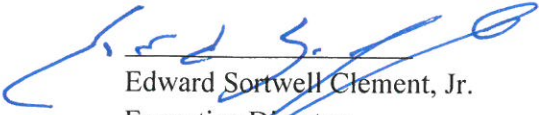
natural world we are a part of and depend upon, while also being educated on how to step up, protect our natural landscape and contribute to such community efforts; and that by working together the parties can better help protect the Mount Diablo area while furthering their respective environmental, education and business missions by collaborating together as outlined below; and

WHEREAS, in honor of Earth Day 2018, the parties to this Agreement wish to demonstrate their gratitude for the Mount Diablo area as set forth below; and

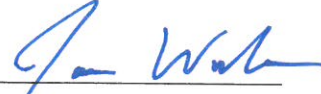
NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the following and all other terms and conditions contained herein, the parties agree as follows:

1. In lead up to Earth Day 2018, SMD agrees to have its qualified staff provide educational presentations regarding land conservation in the Mount Diablo area to CHS students at their school on Monday, April 16, 2018; and
2. On Monday, April 23, 2018, after the aforementioned land conservation educational presentations to CHS students at their school, SMD agrees to have its qualified staff lead these students in an environmental service project on an SMD conserved property, which, after the service work and a picnic lunch together, will also include a solo in nature involving a contemplative journal writing exercise about nature and the students part in nature with subsequent group sharing of observations and reflections; and
3. After receiving the intellectual and experiential training about land conservation in the Mount Diablo area, CHS agrees to work towards raising the necessary funds so that most or all of its participating students can become members of SMD, and get directly involved with and learn about the philanthropy necessary to support SMD's land conservation work, through SMD's new Young Friends Membership Program. In an effort to expedite its time-sensitive land conservation work, SMD is reaching out to young people to join the cause, through its new Young Friends Membership Program, as young people have a major stake in what our future environment will be like. The new membership program offers an affordable and discounted annual membership level for young people at \$15 as opposed to the standard starting \$35 annual membership. Young Friends Members receive all of the same benefits such as the following: *Diablo Watch* biannual newsletter; SMD logo window cling; invitation to special SMD events, etc.; and
4. The parties agree that the terms and conditions of this Agreement are aspirational in nature and thereby create no related liabilities or legal obligations for the parties to this Agreement. The parties to this Agreement simply wish to state their aspirations for a collaborative conservation program. It is our hope that a clear, good faith statement of shared intent will help the parties move forward and realize the proposed goals and actions of this Agreement.

WHEREOF, the parties have hereunto set their hands and seals the day and year first above written.



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