

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING: A) THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO EXECUTE A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH FIRE SAFE SAN MATEO COUNTY TO PROVIDE COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM (“CERT”) EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES; TO DISPENSE EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS AND SUPPLIES; AND TO REDUCE HAZARDOUS FIRE FUELS ALONG EVACUATION ROUTES IN HIGH-RISK COMMUNITIES THROUGHOUT SAN MATEO COUNTY, FOR THE INITIAL TERM OF JULY 1, 2024 TO JUNE 30, 2025, WITH COUNTY-HELD OPTIONS TO RENEW FOR TWO ADDITIONAL ONE-YEAR TERMS, AND IN A TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$600,000; AND B) THE PARKS DIRECTOR, OR THE PARKS DIRECTOR’S DESIGNEE, TO EXERCISE THE CONTRACTUAL OPTIONS AT THEIR DISCRETION AND TO EXECUTE CONTRACT AMENDMENTS WHICH MODIFY THE CONTRACT TERM AND/OR SERVICES SO LONG AS THE MODIFIED TERM OR SERVICE IS/ARE WITHIN THE CURRENT OR REVISED FISCAL PROVISIONS

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**RESOLVED**, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, State of California, that

**WHEREAS**, **Measure K** is the half-cent general sales tax initially approved by the San Mateo County voters in November 2012 and extended in November 2016 for a total of thirty years; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board desired to reexamine **Measure K** funding priorities and processes for allocation funds; and

**WHEREAS**, in response to this Board’s direction, County staff gathered community input regarding priorities for the allocation of **Measure K** funds; and

**WHEREAS**, in or around October 2023, this Board finalized and approved three priority areas for FY 2024-25 **Measure K** funding, including Children, Families and Seniors; Housing and Homelessness; and Emergency Preparedness; and

**WHEREAS**, through a Notice of Funding Opportunity process, Fire Safe San Mateo County was selected to aid high-risk communities in San Mateo County by providing residents in these communities with equipment, supplies, and educational materials needed to better prepare for, and respond to, a disaster; and

**WHEREAS**, Fire Safe San Mateo County is a not-for-profit 501(c)(3) that was founded in 1991 by the fire chiefs of San Mateo County, with the mission of assisting all San Mateo County high wildfire risk communities by conducting specialized hazardous fuel reduction work along evacuation routes; creating fuel breaks near neighborhoods; assisting residents create defensible space around homes; assisting neighborhoods with evacuation route maintenance and emergency preparedness; and educating residents about fire prevention and related issues; and

**WHEREAS**, San Mateo County residents completing CERT classes through Fire Safe San Mateo County will receive CERT backpacks, which include first aid kits, personal protective equipment, and basic tools, that are capable of aiding a small neighborhood during a disaster; and

**WHEREAS**, Fire Safe San Mateo County will also use grant monies to create safer evacuation routes throughout San Mateo County by selecting contractors to perform hazardous fuel reduction services along evacuation routes, including hazardous tree removal, fuels treatment, shaded fuel break, and chipping services; and

**WHEREAS;** Fire Safe San Mateo County will work alongside several fire officials and agencies to identify and treat the most urgent projects in the high fire risk areas of the county; and

**WHEREAS,** the initial term of the agreement is July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025, with the County holding the sole option to extend the term of the grant agreement for up to two (2) additional one (1) year terms: (i) from July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026, and (ii) from July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027, which the County may exercise by providing written notice to Fire Safe San Mateo County on or before May 31<sup>st</sup> of each year the grant agreement is in effect; and

**WHEREAS,** the agreement is for grant amounts not to exceed \$600,000 in total, which is limited to \$200,000 per fiscal year (FY 2024-25, FY 2025-26 if extended by the County, and FY 2026-27 if extended by the County), plus any remaining unclaimed grant amounts from the previous fiscal year(s) if approved by the County in writing; and

**WHEREAS,** this Board has been presented with a form of said grant agreement and has examined it and approved it as to both form and content and desires to enter into the grant agreement.

**NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY DETERMINED AND ORDERED** that the President of the Board of Supervisors be and is hereby authorized and directed to execute said grant agreement for and on behalf of the County of San Mateo, and the Clerk of this Board shall attest the President's signature thereto.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Parks Director, or the Parks Director's Designee, is authorized to exercise the County-held contractual options at their discretion and to execute contract amendments which modify the contract term and/or services so long as the modified term or service is/are within the current or revised fiscal provisions

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