

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

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

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**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SAN MATEO COUNTY PARKS DEPARTMENT  
TO APPLY FOR ALL PERMITS NECESSARY, INCLUDING A COASTAL  
DEVELOPMENT PERMIT, TO MAKE OFF-LEASH DOG RECREATION A  
PERMISSIBLE USE AT QUARRY COUNTY PARK**

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

**WHEREAS**, On October 23, 2018, the San Mateo County Parks Department (“Department”) was directed by the Board of Supervisors to develop a recommendation for an off-leash dog recreation pilot program; and

**WHEREAS**, with the assistance of a specially formed San Mateo County Parks Dog Recreation Work Group, the Department developed a recommendation for an off-leash dog recreation pilot program at Quarry County Park and Pillar Point Bluff; and

**WHEREAS**, on November 9, 2021, the Board of Supervisors certified an Initial Study Mitigated Negative Declaration (“IS/MND”), pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”) for the off-leash pilot program for Quarry County Park and Pillar Point Bluff; and

**WHEREAS**, because the County’s Ordinance Code prohibited off-leash dog recreation in County parks, on November 16, 2021, the Board amended Section

3.68.180 of the Ordinance Code to authorize off-leash dog recreation on County park trails that were designated by the Department for such use; and

**WHEREAS**, at its April 5, 2022 meeting, this Board issued a Coastal Development Permit for the off-leash dog recreation pilot program at Quarry County Park; and

**WHEREAS**, the off-leash dog recreation pilot program at Quarry County Park commenced in April of 2022, and involved a 12-month monitoring period, during which time the Department implemented adaptive management plan (“AMP”) that included a series of eight indicators to measure the success/impacts of the pilot program and to adjust park management strategies accordingly; and

**WHEREAS**, these indicators’ standards were largely met, with no observations of harassment of wildlife, no observations of dogs entering sensitive habitat areas, 9 total instances where dogs were observed travelling more than 10 feet off trail, 2 instances where an unwelcomed interaction between other dogs or visitors occurred, and overall leash compliance for on-leash trails was greater than 80% overall (threshold was 70%); and

**WHEREAS**, there were two monitoring periods where dog waste observed exceeded the threshold of 20 pieces per month, and one monitoring period where leash compliance for on-leash trails was not met; the fecal coliform water quality sampling was inconclusive due to poor water flow as a result of historic drought conditions; and

**WHEREAS**, as a result of these findings, the Department considers the off-leash dog recreation pilot program at Quarry County Park a success and recommends continuation of this ongoing recreation use consistent with Section 3.68.180 of the Ordinance Code.

**NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY DETERMINED AND ORDERED** that the Board of Supervisors has authorized the San Mateo County Parks Department to apply for all permits necessary, including a Coastal Development Permit, to make off-leash dog recreation an ongoing permissible use at Quarry County Park

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