

RESOLUTION NO.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, ACTING AS THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE SAN MATEO COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT

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RESOLUTION APPOINTING A STANDING SEVEN-MEMBER ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO OVERSEE THE TRANSITION OF OPERATIONS FROM THE CURRENT FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT TO AN INDEPENDENT DISTRICT IN ACCORDANCE WITH AB 825

RESOLVED, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, State of California, acting as the Governing Board of the San Mateo County Flood Control District (District), that

WHEREAS, in December 2013, Congresswoman Jackie Speier, Assembly member Rich Gordon, and County Supervisor Dave Pine convened a conference, open to the public, titled “Meeting the Challenge of Sea Level Rise in San Mateo County” which initiated countywide efforts to plan for County’s efforts to plan for sea level rise, including the County’s launch of its “Sea Change SMC” initiative in 2015 and commencement of a countywide sea level rise vulnerability assessment; and

WHEREAS, in December 2015, the City/County Association of Governments (C/CAG) convened an ad-hoc Water Committee to discuss opportunities for better countywide coordination, communication, and collaboration on integrated water issues that would improve efficiency and maximize funding opportunities, including state and federal grants, which ad-hoc Water Committee met throughout 2016 exploring options for a comprehensive approach to water management; and

WHEREAS, C/CAG's ad-hoc Water Committee recommended that C/CAG establish a standing committee as a first step toward increasing countywide collaboration and decision-making with specific focus on regional stormwater management, tidal and fluvial flooding issues, and future sea level rise; and

WHEREAS, on February 23, 2016, the Board of Supervisors approved the report entitled "Improving Flood Control in San Mateo County's Areas of Responsibilities" (Report) and approved Resolution No. 074363 for an Appropriation Transfer Request to begin implementation of the Report recommendations including funding totaling \$6.2 million from the General Fund over a three-year period to establish a program to address flood risks in the County's areas of responsibility as outlined in the Report; and

WHEREAS, in May 2017, C/CAG's Countywide Water Coordination Committee (the "Water Committee") was established, which consisted of seven city elected officials and Supervisor Dave Pine; and

WHEREAS, in March 2018, more than 300 people attended a public water summit entitled "Floods, Droughts, Rising Seas, Oh My!" which closed with a video address by Congresswoman Speier urging San Mateo County and the 20 cities and towns to create a joint flood control agency to better compete for state and federal funds to address sea level rise and other flood control projects; and

WHEREAS, following the aforementioned water summit, C/CAG's Water Committee decided to develop a proposal by the end of 2018 to establish a new water

management agency for consideration by the C/CAG Board of Directors and the Board of Supervisors. To achieve this goal, the Water Committee convened a Staff Advisory Team (SAT) comprised of 18 staff level representatives from C/CAG, the County, cities, and other water-related or interested agencies to help develop the draft proposal; and

WHEREAS, from April 2018 through December 2018, the SAT met eight times to develop and evaluate options for a new entity, including reviewing different governance structures, the potential scope of work of the new entity, obtaining feedback from the cities on their needs related to a countywide integrated water agency, and regularly informing and receiving feedback from the Water Committee to develop an overall roadmap for the process to create a new agency as described in the “Flood and Sea Level Rise Resiliency Agency Proposal” (Proposal), dated December 21, 2018; and

WHEREAS, the Proposal recommends revising (through special legislation) the 1959 San Mateo Flood Control District Act (the “1959 Act”) to authorize the District to address the impacts of sea level rise, flooding, coastal erosion, and large-scale stormwater infrastructure improvements through integrated regional planning, design, permitting, project implementation, and long-term operations and maintenance to create a resilient “one shoreline” approach in San Mateo County by 2100; and would rename the District the “San Mateo County Flood and Sea Level Rise Resiliency District”; and

WHEREAS, the Proposal further recommends that the 1959 Act be modified to, among other things, change the governance of the District to a seven-member board consisting of five city and two Board members, one of which will be from District 3, and

to update the District's funding and financing authority to reflect current state regulations and constitutional restrictions; and

WHEREAS, from January 2019 through April 2019, representatives from the SAT appeared before C/CAG, the Water Committee, the Board of Supervisors, and each city council to present information regarding the Proposal and all of the aforementioned public agencies have now expressed their support for the Proposal; and

WHEREAS, concurrent with the above-referenced efforts, on or about February 20, 2019, Assembly Member Kevin Mullin introduced Assembly Bill 825 ("AB 825") to effectuate the modifications recommended in the Proposal effective January 1, 2020; and

WHEREAS, in connection with the potential passage of AB 825 it is necessary for the District to undertake efforts to hire an executive director, develop an investment plan, and prepare for its transition to be an independent special district; and

WHEREAS, in order to best address the impacts of sea level rise and develop an investment plan to carry out its expanded mission, it is critical for the District at this stage to transition to the new governance structure and to facilitate public involvement in District operations and financing plans; and

WHEREAS, the Leagues of Women Voters from North & Central San Mateo County and South San Mateo County have expressed their strong desire that the public

have opportunities to be informed and involved with the work of the San Mateo County Flood and Sea Level Rise Resiliency District; and

WHEREAS, this Board has long recognized the importance of public involvement in these issues as demonstrated by its public conferences in December 2013 and March 2018, as well as the public involvement in the County's Vulnerability Assessment which was finalized in 2018.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors, acting as the Governing Board of the San Mateo County Flood Control District hereby authorizes the formation of a Flood and Sea Level Rise Advisory Committee (the "Advisory Committee") composed of following members:

- Maryann Moise Derwin, Town of Portola Valley, representing C/CAG's at-large nominee
- Donna Colson, City of Burlingame, representing C/CAG's nominee from the County's northern area
- Diane Papan, City of San Mateo, representing C/CAG's nominee from the County's central area
- Lisa Gauthier, City of East Palo Alto, representing C/CAG's nominee from the County's southern area
- Debbie Ruddock, City of Half Moon Bay, representing C/CAG's nominee from the County's coastal area
- Don Horsley, Board of Supervisors Member from District 3

- Dave Pine, Board of Supervisors Member at-large

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Advisory Committee shall, among other things

1. Provide advice on actions required to initiate the operations of the proposed Flood and Sea Level Rise Resiliency District including development of personnel policies and procedures, implementing a financial system for the District and developing other policies and procedures as appropriate for adoption by the Flood and Sea Level Rise Resiliency District.
2. Recruit an Executive Director for the District.
3. Establish agreements with the County to provide administrative, legal, personnel and other services needed to support the new agency during the start-up of the Flood and Sea Level Rise Resiliency District.
4. Work with the Executive Director and County staff to develop a plan for transition or contracting of duties and responsibilities for the Flood Resiliency Program and Flood Control District to the Flood and Sea Level Rise Resiliency District.
5. Prepare and release a Request for Proposals for a Flood and Sea Level Rise Investment Plan.
6. Ensure that the scope of work for the Flood and Sea Level Rise Investment Plan includes a robust public outreach and engagement process.

7. Create a Strategic Communications Plan to guide public information and engagement during the start-up of the Flood and Sea Level Rise Resiliency District.
8. Develop public information and engagement policies and procedures for adoption by the Flood and Sea Level Rise Resiliency District Board once seated.
9. Keep the public informed and involved in the work of the Advisory Committee and the formation of the District.

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