

RESOLUTION NO. .

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

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RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO SIGN THE PROPOSED LETTER OF SUPPORT REGARDING THE CALIFORNIA VEGETATION TREATMENT PROGRAM'S DRAFT PROGRAM ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT

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

WHEREAS, vegetation overgrowth and the effects of climate change have contributed to a dangerous alteration in California's wildfire season and to mitigate the resulting threats to vulnerable communities, many land management agencies are working to reduce fire fuels and restore and preserve critical habitat; and

WHEREAS, the objective of the California Vegetation Treatment Program ("CalVTP") is to reduce wildfire risks through the use of authorized vegetation treatment activities that can be implemented by the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection ("CAL FIRE"), public agencies and organizations funded by CAL FIRE grants, or public agencies that own or manage qualified lands; and

WHEREAS, the CalVTP would assist the San Mateo County Parks Department in reducing the threat of wildfire to the County's most vulnerable communities by reducing fuels within the wildland-urban interface, establishing fuel breaks, and

implementing ecological restoration projects using manual, mechanical, and chemical treatment approaches; and

WHEREAS, the CalVTP’s Program Environmental Impact Report (“PEIR”) analyzes a range of potential activities and impacts that would result from the implementation of the CalVTP and adoption of the PEIR would enhance the efficient implementation of vegetation treatment projects by allowing agencies that pursue such projects to rely on the PEIR to the extent that the proposed activities and impacts are described in the PEIR, thereby significantly improving the ecological value of habitat through the reduction of fuel loads in eligible areas, which will, in turn, enhance the health of mature trees and vegetation, benefiting both the wildlife and the habitats they are dependent on; and

WHEREAS, this Board has been presented with a form of Letter of Support for the CalVTP’s PEIR, desires to have the President of this Board sign the letter, and have the letter submitted to the California Board of Forestry and Fire Protection.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY DETERMINED AND ORDERED that the President of the Board of Supervisors is hereby authorized and directed to sign, on behalf of the Board, the Letter of Support regarding the California Vegetation Treatment Program’s Program Environmental Impact Report.

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