

RESOLUTION NO. _____

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

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RESOLUTION: A) AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE SAN MATEO COUNTY PARKS DEPARTMENT'S FEE SCHEDULE TO ESTABLISH A FEE FOR DOG-FRIENDLY CAMPING FACILITIES WITHIN THE SAN MATEO COUNTY PARKS SYSTEM; AND B) FINDING THAT THE HUCKLEBERRY FLAT CAMPGROUND PROJECT QUALIFIES FOR A CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT EXEMPTION AS A REPLACEMENT OR RECONSTRUCTION (CLASS 2) AND NEW CONSTRUCTION OR CONVERSION OF SMALL STRUCTURES (CLASS 3)

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

WHEREAS, Memorial County Park ("Memorial Park"), situated among the redwood trees in unincorporated Loma Mar, serves as the primary campground for the San Mateo County Parks system; and

WHEREAS, Memorial Park has 130 campsites, including family, youth group, and large group sites, but dogs are not allowed in the campgrounds; and

WHEREAS, based on its understanding that many people enjoy camping with their dog(s), as well as the County's recent efforts to make the County Parks system more accessible to dogs, the Department determined that the Huckleberry Flat Picnic Area at Memorial Park is currently underutilized, and that converting that picnic area to the parks system's first dog-friendly campground would be a higher and better use; and

WHEREAS, Huckleberry Flat Campground will consist of eight tent-only sites; seven sites will be family campsites that can accommodate up to 12 people and three dogs and one site will be a hybrid campsite/picnic site that can accommodate up to 30 campers and five dogs or 50 picnickers; and

WHEREAS, the Department's fee schedule does not currently have a fee for dog-friendly camping facilities, and thus, one must be established; and

WHEREAS, the Department proposes to charge an extra \$5/night above the base rate for campsites in Memorial Park for use of the dog-friendly campsites, with additional resulting funds being used to pay for restocking of dog waste stations and restocking of eco-friendly dog shampoo, as well as the increased administrative costs generated by the new use; and

WHEREAS, under this new fee schedule, a San Mateo County resident would pay \$45/night for a dog-friendly campsite, and a non-county resident would pay \$50/night for a dog friendly campsite; and

WHEREAS, the Department contracted a consultant to review this project in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA"), and determined that this project qualifies for a CEQA Categorical Exemption as a Replacement or Reconstruction (Class 2) and New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures (Class 3), consistent with CEQA guidelines (14 Cal. Code Regs. Sections 15302, 15303, and 15300.2).

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY DETERMINED AND ORDERED

A) That the San Mateo County Parks Department's Fee Schedule be amended to establish a fee for use of dog-friendly camping facilities in accordance with Exhibit A; and

B) That the Huckleberry Flat Campground Project is categorially exempt from CEQA as a Replacement or Reconstruction (Class 2) and New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures (Class 3), consistent with CEQA guidelines (14 Cal. Code Regs. Sections 15302, 15303, and 15300.2).

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