

RESOLUTION NO. .

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

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RESOLUTION AMENDING THE SAN MATEO COUNTY PARKS DEPARTMENT'S FEE SCHEDULE TO ELIMINATE VEHICLE ENTRANCE FEES FOR SAN MATEO COUNTY RESIDENTS WHO RECEIVE MEDI-CAL, CALFRESH, AND/OR SAN MATEO COUNTY ACCESS AND CARE FOR EVERYONE (ACE) BENEFITS

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

WHEREAS, the San Mateo County Parks Department ("Department") manages 24 County parks and recreation areas which include over 16,000 acres of land, almost 200 miles of trails, eight playgrounds, and numerous picnic sites and campsites; and

WHEREAS, the Department currently charges a six dollar vehicle entrance fee at seven of the parks and recreation areas in the San Mateo County park system, including the Coyote Point Recreation Area, Huddart Park, Sam McDonald Park, Memorial Park, San Pedro Valley Park, Junipero Serra Park, and San Bruno Mountain State and County Park; and

WHEREAS, this vehicle entrance fee provides park visitors with access to all Day Use facilities in the respective park, including trails, playgrounds, drop-in picnic areas, visitor centers, and various recreational amenities; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of the fact that the vehicle entrance fee is a barrier to park access for the most vulnerable residents of San Mateo County, the Department is proposing to launch the Mariposa Program ("Program") to provide more equitable access to county parks; and

WHEREAS, upon approval of the Program, San Mateo County residents who receive Medi-Cal, CalFresh, and/or ACE benefits will be exempted from paying vehicle entrance fees when they show their Medi-Cal card, CalFresh card, or ACE card upon entry to each park that charges such fees; and

WHEREAS, at its December 2, 2021 meeting, the Parks and Recreation Commission voted to recommend that the Board of Supervisors authorize the Program, as recommended by the Department.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY DETERMINED AND ORDERED that the Board of Supervisors authorizes and directs an amendment to the San Mateo County Parks Department Fee Schedule to eliminate the vehicle entrance fee for San Mateo County residents who receive Medi-Cal, CalFresh, and/or ACE benefits.

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