RESOLUTION NO..

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

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RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PARKS DIRECTOR, OR THE PARKS DIRECTOR'S DESIGNEE, TO EXECUTE A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY AND FIRE PROTECTION FOR \$300,000 IN CALIFORNIA CLIMATE INVESTMENT FUNDS FOR THE QUARRY COUNTY PARK HAZARDOUS FUEL REDUCTION AND INVASIVE SPECIES CONTROL PROJECT

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

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of California, in cooperation with the California State Legislature, has enacted State of California Climate Investment Wildfire Prevention Grants Program (the "Program"), which provides funds to the State of California and its political subdivisions for fire prevention programs; and

WHEREAS, Program funds may be used to carry out projects that focus on hazardous fuels reduction, invasive species control, and large woody debris removal, which involves the removal of invasive species present within shaded fuel break treatment areas to maintain the effectiveness of these fuel reduction efforts, as well as to remove large woody debris and downed logs that are currently limiting access and operability within these fuel reduction project areas; and

WHEREAS, the State Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) has been delegated the responsibility for administering the Program, including by setting up necessary procedures governing application by local agencies, non-profit organizations, and others under the Program; and

WHEREAS, on January 26, 2022, the CAL FIRE Northern California Region (CNR) invited the County, through its Parks Department ("Department"), to apply for Program funds through its CCI Fire Prevention Grant Program in order to carry out the Quarry County Park Hazardous Fuel and Invasive Species Control Project (the "Project") at Quarry County Park; and

WHEREAS, on March 15, 2022, the Department submitted the required project documentation and application materials to CAL FIRE; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Project will focus on hazardous fuels reduction, invasive species control, and large woody debris removal, which involves the removal of invasive species present within shaded fuel break treatment areas to maintain the effectiveness of these fuel reduction efforts, as well as to remove large woody debris and downed logs that are currently limiting access and operability within these fuel reduction project areas; and

WHEREAS, if the County is granted Program funds, it will enter into an agreement with CAL FIRE to carry out the Project, with all grant funds expended prior to March 15, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the total activity cost for the Project is \$407,795, which would include \$300,000 in Program grant funding as well as \$107,795 in County matching funds consisting of \$26,945 in staff time (i.e., salaries and benefits) and \$80,850 in Department Measure K funds for fire fuel reduction activities within County parks; and

- 1. This Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes the Department to enter into a grant agreement with CAL FIRE to carry out the Hazardous Fuel Reduction and Invasive Species Control Project (the "Project") at Quarry County Park with \$300,000 in California Climate Investment Fire Prevention Grant funding through CAL FIRE's California Northern Region Grants Program; and
- 2. This Board of Supervisors certifies that the Department has or will have sufficient funds to operate and maintain the Project; and
- This Board of Supervisors certifies that funds under the jurisdiction of the Department are available to begin the Project; and
- 4. This Board of Supervisors certifies that the Department will expend grant funds prior to March 15, 2026; and
- 5. The Parks Director, or the Parks Director's Designee, is authorized to conduct all negotiations, execute, and submit all documents including applications, amendments, payment requests, and so on, which may be necessary for the completion of the Project.

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