

RESOLUTION NO. _____

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

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RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE REVISED FLOOD PARK LANDSCAPE PLAN

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

WHEREAS, founded in 1937, Flood County Park (“Flood Park”) is a 21-acre County-owned and operated park located in the City of Menlo Park; and

WHEREAS, in 2014, the San Mateo County Parks Department (“Department”) assessed the condition of Flood Park’s aging features and amenities, and determined that a complete overhaul is warranted; and

WHEREAS, this led to the creation of the Reimagine Flood Park Project (“Project”), a multi-year public engagement process that led to the development of the 2020 Landscape Plan and Final Revised Environmental Impact Report (“EIR”) which were adopted and certified by the Board of Supervisors in November 2020; and

WHEREAS, in 2021, the Department contracted with CMG Landscape Architects to prepare detailed design plans and obtain all required permits and approvals to construct the Project; and

WHEREAS, prior to preparing the schematic designs, and due to a call from the public to preserve the heart of the park’s oak woodland, the Department held a virtual

workshop and two pop-up events, while also opening an online survey to collect further public feedback; and

WHEREAS, approximately 85 members of the public attended the workshop and nearly 800 people responded to the survey, the findings from which reaffirmed the Project's five overarching public priorities developed between 2015 and 2017: promoting healthy lifestyles, preserving existing trees, incorporating innovative technologies, creating community gathering spaces, and expanding types of uses; and

WHEREAS, using the information received from the workshop, pop-up events, and surveys, the Department prepared the Revised Landscape Plan (Exhibit A) which, among other things, relocates certain amenities in order to reduce the number of trees to be removed as a result of the Project and improve the natural flow of the park; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 15162 of the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") Guidelines, additional environmental review after an EIR has been certified may only be required in limited circumstances, including when substantial changes are proposed in the project that will require major revisions to the EIR due to the involvement of new significant environmental effects or a substantial increase in the severity of previously identified significant effects; and

WHEREAS, the County has evaluated the potential for any new or substantially more severe environmental impacts related to the Revised Landscape Plan, including through the preparation of the attached memo (Exhibit B), which concludes that the

Revised Landscape Plan would result in a slight increase in noise at certain locations as compared to the 2020 Landscape Plan, but that there would be no new significant or substantially more severe impacts after implementation of existing mitigation measures; and

WHEREAS, the Revised Landscape Plan, would reduce the number of native trees required to be removed and would repurpose already disturbed areas of the park, and would comply with all mitigation measures from the 2020 EIR; and

WHEREAS, no further environmental review of the Revised Landscape Plan is required because the revised plan would not result in any new significant impacts or a substantial increase in the severity of a previously identified significant impact.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY DETERMINED AND ORDERED that:
the Board of Supervisors approves the Revised Landscape Plan as shown on Exhibit A attached hereto.

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