

RESOLUTION NO. _____

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

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**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SAN MATEO COUNTY PARKS DEPARTMENT
TO APPLY FOR ALL PERMITS NECESSARY, INCLUDING A COASTAL
DEVELOPMENT PERMIT, TO MAKE OFF-LEASH DOG RECREATION A
PERMISSIBLE USE AT QUARRY COUNTY PARK**

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

WHEREAS, On October 23, 2018, the San Mateo County Parks Department (“Department”) was directed by the Board of Supervisors to develop a recommendation for an off-leash dog recreation pilot program; and

WHEREAS, with the assistance of a specially formed San Mateo County Parks Dog Recreation Work Group, the Department developed a recommendation for an off-leash dog recreation pilot program at Quarry County Park and Pillar Point Bluff; and

WHEREAS, on November 9, 2021, the Board of Supervisors certified an Initial Study Mitigated Negative Declaration (“IS/MND”), pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”) for the off-leash pilot program for Quarry County Park and Pillar Point Bluff; and

WHEREAS, because the County’s Ordinance Code prohibited off-leash dog recreation in County parks, on November 16, 2021, the Board amended Section

3.68.180 of the Ordinance Code to authorize off-leash dog recreation on County park trails that were designated by the Department for such use; and

WHEREAS, at its April 5, 2022 meeting, this Board issued a Coastal Development Permit for the off-leash dog recreation pilot program at Quarry County Park; and

WHEREAS, the off-leash dog recreation pilot program at Quarry County Park commenced in April of 2022, and involved a 12-month monitoring period, during which time the Department implemented adaptive management plan (“AMP”) that included a series of eight indicators to measure the success/impacts of the pilot program and to adjust park management strategies accordingly; and

WHEREAS, these indicators’ standards were largely met, with no observations of harassment of wildlife, no observations of dogs entering sensitive habitat areas, 9 total instances where dogs were observed travelling more than 10 feet off trail, 2 instances where an unwelcomed interaction between other dogs or visitors occurred, and overall leash compliance for on-leash trails was greater than 80% overall (threshold was 70%); and

WHEREAS, there were two monitoring periods where dog waste observed exceeded the threshold of 20 pieces per month, and one monitoring period where leash compliance for on-leash trails was not met; the fecal coliform water quality sampling was inconclusive due to poor water flow as a result of historic drought conditions; and

WHEREAS, as a result of these findings, the Department considers the off-leash dog recreation pilot program at Quarry County Park a success and recommends continuation of this ongoing recreation use consistent with Section 3.68.180 of the Ordinance Code.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY DETERMINED AND ORDERED that the Board of Supervisors has authorized the San Mateo County Parks Department to apply for all permits necessary, including a Coastal Development Permit, to make off-leash dog recreation an ongoing permissible use at Quarry County Park

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