

RESOLUTION NO. .

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

* * * * *

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE PROPOSAL FOR THE NEW SAN MATEO COUNTY FLOOD AND SEA LEVEL RISE RESILIENCY AGENCY

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

WHEREAS, on February 23, 2016, this Board of Supervisors adopted Resolution No. 074363, which authorized \$6,200,000 of funding to address flooding in County unincorporated areas, as recommended by the report “Improving Flood Control in San Mateo County’s Areas of Responsibilities,” which established the Enhanced Flood Control Program; and

WHEREAS, the County collaborated with C/CAG and its Countywide Water Coordination Committee (Committee) to investigate opportunities for greater communication, collaboration, and coordination on regional integrated water issues, including flooding, sea level rise, and stormwater management; and

WHEREAS, the County, in conjunction with the Committee, helped plan and host the March 30, 2018 water summit entitled “Floods, Droughts, Rising Seas, Oh My!” and at the conclusion of which Congresswoman Jackie Speier issued a call to action for the County of San Mateo agencies to come together and form a unified flood control agency to better compete for State and federal funds for shoreline protection and other flood control projects; and

WHEREAS, the Committee initiated a process to develop a proposal for a new entity that could manage sea level rise, flooding, coastal erosion, and large-scale stormwater infrastructure improvements, including engaging the County and the 20 cities and towns relative to their interests and priorities for such an agency; and

WHEREAS, the County and the Committee, with support of an 18-member Staff Advisory Team comprised of representatives from C/CAG, its member agencies, and other agencies/districts, developed a proposal to modify through legislation the existing San Mateo County Flood Control District, changing its governance to include five city and two County elected officials, expand its authorities to address sea level rise and coastal erosion, clarify its funding and financing authorities to be consistent with current state regulations and constitutional restrictions, and changes its name to the San Mateo County Flood and Sea Level Rise Resiliency Agency (Agency); and

WHEREAS, the proposed governing board for the Agency would include five city council representatives appointed by the C/CAG Board of Directors, three of which would represent the north, central, and south bayside areas, one of which would represent the coast side, one at-large city council representative, and two County Supervisors, one of which would represent District 3 on the coast and one at-large Board Member to be appointed by the Board of Supervisors; and

WHEREAS, the proposal includes a three-year startup period for the Agency during which the County would contribute \$750,000 annually and the 20 cities and towns would equally contribute \$750,000 annually for a total of \$1.5 million per year; and

WHEREAS, the three years of city/town contributions would be population-based, with agencies having populations under 20,000 paying \$25,000 per year, agencies with populations between 20,000 and 60,000 paying \$40,000 per year, and agencies with populations greater than 60,000 contributing \$55,000 per year for a total of approximately \$750,000; and

WHEREAS, during the three-year startup period, the Agency would develop an Integrated Flood and Sea Level Rise Resiliency Investment Plan, continue implementing the County's Flood Resiliency Program consistent with the three existing Memoranda of Understanding with seven cities, maintain the existing Flood Control District zone-based services, and secure a long-term funding source; and

WHEREAS, if long-term funding is not secured within the three-year period, the County and city/town contributions would be extended for an additional two years provided that (1) the Agency is demonstrating sufficient progress toward meeting its objectives, and (2) the cities and the County agree to continue their respective funding contributions.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY DETERMINED AND ORDERED that the Board of Supervisors supports the proposal for the new San Mateo County Flood and Sea Level Rise Resiliency Agency.

* * * * *