

RESOLUTION NO.

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

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**RESOLUTION APPROVING THE COUNTY OF SAN MATEO SEA LEVEL RISE
POLICY FOR COUNTY-OWNED ASSETS**

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

WHEREAS, the County is committed to environmental, economic, and social stewardship through sustainable building practices for County facilities; and

WHEREAS, over the past 250 years, greenhouse gases in the atmosphere have risen 47 percent, and climate impacts such as sea level rise are already occurring; and

WHEREAS, San Mateo County is the most vulnerable county in California to sea level rise in terms of property value and currently experiences flooding at high tides; and

WHEREAS, the Office of Sustainability, along with leadership from the County's Board of Supervisors, launched the "Sea Change SMC" Initiative in 2015; and

WHEREAS, the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors accepted the finalized Sea Level Rise Vulnerability Assessment, confirming the County's commitment to preparing and protecting its vulnerable communities in 2018; and

WHEREAS, the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors declared a Climate Emergency in September 2019 requiring the County to develop and enact resiliency policies and plans to ensure continuous operation of County services and facilities; and

WHEREAS, the State of California has developed climate change guidance for local governments and requires incorporation of adaptation into the local planning process; and

WHEREAS, the Office of Sustainability proposes a Sea Level Rise Policy for County-Owned Assets to ensure safe and continuous access to County services and programs for the public; and

WHEREAS, this Policy requires all new design and construction projects, Capital Improvement Projects, property acquisitions and dispositions, major renovations, and leased property to consider sea level rise; and

WHEREAS, this Policy requires the development of a baseline assessment of sea level rise risks for County-owned assets; and

WHEREAS, this Policy requires the consideration of regional sea level rise adaptation and flood mitigation projects; and

WHEREAS, this Policy establishes the Climate Change Preparedness Working Group to oversee the implementation of the Policy; and

WHEREAS, this Policy has been presented to this Board and the Board has reviewed it and wishes to adopt it.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the County of San Mateo Sea Level Rise Policy for County-Owned Assets is adopted by this Board on behalf of the County of San Mateo.

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