



County of San Mateo

Inter-Departmental Correspondence

Department: COUNTY MANAGER: OFFICE OF SUSTAINABILITY

File #: 23-866

Board Meeting Date: 10/17/2023

Special Notice / Hearing: None
Vote Required: Majority

To: Honorable Board of Supervisors

From: Carolyn Bloede, Director, Office of Sustainability

Subject: **Measure K** Agreement with Flood and Sea Level Rise Resiliency District for Flood and Sea Level Rise Resiliency Projects

RECOMMENDATION:

Measure K: Adopt a resolution authorizing the execution of a **Measure K** agreement with the Flood and Sea Level Rise Resiliency District (OneShoreline) to provide funding for flood and sea level rise resiliency projects for the term October 17, 2023, through June 30, 2025 in an amount not to exceed \$1,750,000.

BACKGROUND:

Sea level rise is one of the most serious consequences of climate change and it will have a significant effect on San Mateo County which has more property and assets at risk from rising seas than any other county in California. To help address this risk, the County established a Flood Resilience Program under the San Mateo County Flood Control District (SMCFCD) in 2016. In 2019, special legislation (AB 825) modified the SMCFCD to create a new agency called the Flood and Sea Level Rise Resiliency District (FSLRRD), also known as OneShoreline. By connecting and aligning the efforts of multiple jurisdictions, the FSLRRD reduces the duplication of efforts, facilitates the sharing of expertise, and creates a unified voice to position the county to secure state, federal, and private funds.

Measure K funding has previously been provided to the FSLRRD. On November 9, 2021, a \$1,000,000 **Measure K** Grant Agreement (Resolution No. 078501) was awarded for operating expenses to support cross-jurisdictional work to address sea level rise, flooding, coastal erosion, and water quality. This work included:

- Construction of the Bayfront Canal and Atherton Channel Flood Protection and Ecosystem Project.
- Creation of a countywide flood early warning system and flood emergency action plans.
- Identification of multi-jurisdictional and long-term solutions to sea level rise and erosion in the Pillar Point Harbor area along the coast.
- Identification of four California Environmental Quality Act alternatives and the completion of a draft of an Environmental Impact Report for the Millbrae and Burlingame Shoreline Area Protection and Enhancement

Project.

On March 14, 2023, this Board approved the FY 2023-24 **Measure K** Recommended Level Budget which allocates \$1,750,000 to support the FSLRRD to continue “bridge funding” to assist the district with its operational costs until it obtains long term, permanent funding.

DISCUSSION:

Measure K funding will be used to pay the operating expenses of FSLRRD, including staff salaries and benefits, rent, and information technology services expenses, and will support measurable progress on the following three projects:

- Address the gaps in shoreline protection as part of OneShoreline’s Bay Program, which includes shorelines in Brisbane, San Mateo, and Redwood City.
- Expand and maximize the benefits of the National Flood Insurance Program’s Community Rating System to reduce the cost of flood insurance for communities that go beyond FEMA’s minimum floodplain management requirements.
- Complete the next iteration of OneShoreline’s Planning Policy Guidance to protect and enhance bay shoreline areas of San Mateo County, focused on planning, designing, and building resilient capital infrastructure projects.

The resolution has been reviewed and approved by the County Attorney as to form.

PERFORMANCE MEASURE:

MEASURE	OUTCOME
Documentation of completed milestones with explanation of any milestones that are not met completely	Documentation provided for all milestones

FISCAL IMPACT:

The term of this agreement is from October 17, 2023, through June 30, 2025 for an amount not to exceed \$1,750,000. **Measure K** funding in the amount of \$875,000 is included in the Office of Sustainability’s FY 2023-24 adopted budget with the remaining \$875,000 included in FY 2024-25 recommended budget. There is no new Net County Cost associated with this agreement.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Resolution to adopt Measure K Agreement with Flood and Sea Level Rise Resiliency District
- Agreement with OneShoreline for flood and sea level rise resiliency projects