



# County of San Mateo

## Inter-Departmental Correspondence

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**Department:** BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
**DISTRICT 5**  
**File #:** 24-275

Board Meeting Date: 4/23/2024

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**Special Notice / Hearing:** None  
**Vote Required:** Majority

**To:** Honorable Board of Supervisors  
**From:** Supervisor David J. Canepa, District 5  
**Subject:** Resolution Setting a County-Wide Biodiversity Vision

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Adopt a resolution setting a county-wide biodiversity vision.

**BACKGROUND:**

Biodiversity, the variety of life on Earth, is under threat due to human influence and climate change. Recognizing the importance of preserving biodiversity, Governor Gavin Newsom signed Executive Order N-82-20, elevating biodiversity conservation as a top priority. San Mateo County, with its rich biological diversity, faces increasing threats from habitat loss, invasive species, and climate impacts.

**DISCUSSION:**

The resolution acknowledges the critical importance of biodiversity conservation in San Mateo County. It recognizes the County's diverse ecosystems and the need to protect and restore them to ensure climate resilience and the well-being of local communities. The vision outlined in the resolution aims to connect residents with nature and integrate natural spaces within the built environment.

Furthermore, the resolution encourages County departments to integrate biodiversity goals into planning and operations. This includes protecting and restoring terrestrial and marine ecosystems, providing equitable access to natural spaces, promoting community and ecological stewardship, and incorporating sustainable design practices.

By adopting this resolution, the Board of Supervisors demonstrates its commitment to preserving San Mateo County's natural heritage and promoting a sustainable future for all residents.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

None

