



# County of San Mateo

## Inter-Departmental Correspondence

**Department:** BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
**DISTRICT 1**  
**File #:** 19-595

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**Special Notice / Hearing:** None  
**Vote Required:** 4/5ths

**To:** Honorable Board of Supervisors  
**From:** Michael P. Callagy, County Manager  
**Subject:** Use of District-Discretionary **Measure K** Funds - Supervisorial District 1

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

**Measure K:** Approve an Appropriation Transfer Request (ATR) transferring **Measure K** funds, not to exceed \$500,000, to the Enhanced Flood Control Program for the benefit of the Flood and Sea Level Rise Resiliency District (District), formation of which is anticipated effective January 1, 2020, to help fund the District during its initial three-year start-up period

### **BACKGROUND:**

**Measure K** is the half-cent general sales tax initially approved by San Mateo County voters in November 2012 and extended in November 2016 for a total of thirty years. The Board of Supervisors ("Board") and County staff have conducted study sessions and community outreach efforts to inform priorities for **Measure K** spending for FY 2017-19.

On May 16, 2017, the Board approved the FY 2017-19 Measure K allocation plan in which the County anticipates Measure K receipts of approximately \$81.6 million annually. The plan included \$7 million in one-time loans or grants each year during FY 2017-19, divided equally among the five supervisorial districts, for district-specific needs and projects. District 1 has submitted a request to use its district-discretionary **Measure K** funds as shown below and described in the Project Summary section of this memorandum:

<b>District/Project</b>	<b>Amount</b>
District 1 (Supervisor Dave Pine) - To supplement funding for the Flood and Sea Level Rise Resiliency District (District) during its initial three-year start-up period.	\$500,000

This item is consistent with the criteria for district-discretionary **Measure K** funds approved by the Board in December 2018.

## **PROJECT SUMMARY:**

Sea level rise (SLR) is one of the most serious consequences of climate change and it will have a significant effect on San Mateo County, which has more people and property value at risk from the rising sea than any other county in the state. The proposed District would: allow San Mateo County and its cities to coordinate across jurisdictional lines; avoid duplication of efforts and build expertise; and create a unified voice that would far better position the County and its cities to obtain state and federal funds for addressing flooding, SLR and coastal erosion.

The County's Flood Resilience Program was created in 2016 with the mission to address cross-jurisdictional flood risks and will become part of the District. The Flood Resilience Program is currently leading project development in seven cities pursuant to three Memoranda of Understanding (MOU): Bayfront Canal (Redwood City, Atherton, Menlo Park, Unincorporated SMC); Belmont Creek (Belmont, San Carlos, Unincorporated SMC); and Navigable Slough (South San Francisco, San Bruno, Unincorporated SMC). There are potential opportunities for MOU projects in other areas of the County, including the Burlingame/Millbrae shoreline and the Baywinds portion of the Foster City/San Mateo shoreline.

The District currently anticipates receiving \$1,495,000 in annual funding contributions for three years, with the County paying \$750,000 and the 20 cities and towns paying \$745,000 each year. Of the \$750,000 County share, \$350,000 will go to supplement the cities/towns' contribution, resulting in a grand total of \$1,095,000 million as "start-up" funds. The remaining \$400,000 County contribution would be used to continue the three existing MOU projects under the Flood Resilience Program. The County's \$750,000 contribution is separate from this proposed grant of \$500,000 in district-discretionary funds.

All 20 cities and the County have agreed to contribute funding to support the District for a three-year period beginning on January 1, 2020 (Start-up Period). During this Start-up Period, the District would do the following:

- **Develop an Integrated Flood and Sea Level Rise Resiliency Implementation and Funding Plan (Flood and SLR Plan).** The District would develop an Integrated Flood and Sea Level Rise Resiliency Implementation and Funding Plan for the Bayshore and the Coastside to address short-term (2050) and long-term (2100) SLR, flooding, and coastal erosion. The plan would be a living document that provides a mechanism for regional prioritization of projects and would recommend funding and financing options for long-term implementation.
- **Secure Long-Term Funding.** During the Start-up Period the District would pursue a stable long-term funding structure to fund its operations, such as an Enhanced Infrastructure Financing District, a Geologic Hazard Abatement District, or a targeted special tax. This would require community and stakeholder engagement and outreach on the need for long-term resiliency and any potential revenue measure.
- **Continue Implementation of Flood Resiliency Program Projects.** The District would implement existing and new projects in collaboration with individual cities or groups of cities pursuant to MOUs, creating multi-jurisdictional solutions.
- **Existing Flood Control Zone Services.** The District would continue oversight, management, and execution of projects in the three existing Flood Control Zones. This work would be contracted back to the County during some or all of the Start-up Period.
- **Leverage State and Federal Funding.** By prioritizing and coordinating projects countywide, the

agency would position the County to seek substantial state and federal funding.

The proposed grant to the District in an amount not to exceed \$500,000 would provide additional funding to the District during the Start-up Period. In particular, the funding is anticipated to be used to allow the District to hire an additional staff member that can help oversee the existing three MOU projects and potential new MOU projects covering the Burlingame/Millbrae shoreline and the Baywinds portion of the Foster City/San Mateo shoreline.

**Total Measure K Request: Not to Exceed \$500,000**

This is a request to authorize a transfer of funds to the Enhanced Flood Control Program, which will provide the funds to the Flood and Sea Level Rise Resiliency District pursuant to a future agreement.

County Counsel has reviewed and approved the resolution as to form.

Funding for the Flood and Sea Level Rise Resiliency District contributes to the Shared Vision 2025 outcome of a Collaborative Community by developing a multi-jurisdictional approach to address the regional impacts of sea level rise, flooding, and coastal erosion for the benefit of the community.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

There are sufficient **Measure K** funds for this specific FY 2018-2019 **Measure K** request. These funds are budgeted in the Non-Departmental Services FY 2018-19 Adopted Budget.