



# County of San Mateo

## Inter-Departmental Correspondence

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**Department:** BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
**DISTRICT 3**  
**File #:** 23-542

Board Meeting Date: 6/26/2023

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

**To:** Honorable Board of Supervisors  
**From:** Supervisor Ray Mueller, District 3  
**Subject:** Appointment to the San Mateo County Parks Commission

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Recommendation for the appointment of Irma Rodriguez Mitton to the San Mateo County Parks Commission, representing District 3, for an initial term ending December 31, 2026.

**BACKGROUND:**

The San Mateo County Parks and Recreation Commission acts in an advisory capacity and makes policy recommendations to the Board of Supervisors regarding the management and operation of County natural preserves, marine reserves, open space areas, trails, parks and/or recreation areas and facilities within unincorporated San Mateo County. The Commission is charged with adopting and forwarding to the Board of Supervisors, recommendations regarding fees to be charged for the use of these areas. The Commission also advises the Board of Supervisors regarding fish, game and wildlife policies and programs, and makes recommendations to the Board regarding the expenditure of fish and game propagation funds.

Commissioners receive input from citizens on County Parks issues and make recommendations, as appropriate, to the Board of Supervisors. They also act as liaison to a number of support groups such as the Parks' Foundation, Volunteer Roundtable, and other ad hoc committees that may be appointed. They may serve as Commission liaison to special projects, especially related to master plan developments.

**DISCUSSION:**

Irma Rodriguez Mitton is being recommended for appointment to the San Mateo County Parks and Recreation Commission representing District 3 for an initial 4-year term coinciding with Supervisor Ray Mueller's first term in office ending December 31, 2026. This seat was formerly held by Neil Merrilees whose term ended with former Supervisor Don Horsley's term.

Irma Rodriguez Mitton is a 25-year resident of the unincorporated coastal area and has been a long-

time advocate of stewardship of natural resources as well as equitable access and community-led decision-making regarding park resources. She is founder of South Coast Sustainable and CEO of Fruition Sustainability Solutions. She currently serves as a volunteer of Vida Verde Nature Education, Pescadero Public Radio Service, Sustainable Pescadero, South Coast CERT and Stanford Alumni in Sustainability. She previously served on the Pescadero Municipal Advisory Council, San Mateo County Citizens Advisory Committee on Green Building, and San Mateo County Sea Level Rise Committee.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

None.