

RESOLUTION 2021-5

A Resolution Approving the San Mateo Resource Conservation District to Submit the San Mateo County Forest Health and Fire Resilience Public Works Plan to the California Coastal Commission and Certifying that it is Intended to be Carried Out in a Manner Fully in Conformity with the Coastal Act of 1976, Including the San Mateo County Local Coastal Program

WHEREAS, the San Mateo Resource Conservation District is a Special District organized under Division 9 of the California Public Resources Code with an original petition granted on July 1, 1939 and is defined in Section 3501 of the Government Code as a public agency; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors for the District recognizes the critical need for forest health and fuel reduction projects to protect natural resources, people, and property within San Mateo County; and

WHEREAS, the Board recognizes the need for programmatic permitting to increase the pace and scale of high-priority forest health and fuels management projects to reduce the threat of catastrophic wildfire and improve ecological conditions for forests, woodlands, and grasslands within the coastal zone; and,

WHEREAS, a Public Works Plan provides a land use planning alternative to Local Coastal Programs for obtaining approval of large or phased public works projects, as well as any development proposed by a special district, and is an alternative to project-by-project review for public works, which would otherwise require multiple coastal development permits for different components of the public works project; and,

WHEREAS, the District drafted and released for public review a Draft San Mateo County Forest Health and Fire Resilience Public Works Plan on May 5, 2021 and held a public hearing to review this draft on June 17, 2021; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Directors certifies the San Mateo County Forest Health and Fire Resilience Public Works Plan is intended to be carried out in a manner fully in conformity with the Coastal Act of 1976, including the certified San Mateo County Local Coastal Program, and approves submitting the San Mateo County Forest Health and Fire Resilience Public Works Plan to the Coastal Commission.

The foregoing resolution was approved and adopted on June 17, 2021, by the Board of Directors of the San Mateo Resource Conservation District.

Barbara Kossy, President

Date