

Resolution

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA
RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE

MONTARA WATER AND SANITARY DISTRICT

Request for Caltrans Donation of 'Bypass Lands'

WHEREAS, Montara Water and Sanitary District provides water, sewer, and refuse disposal services to the coastal communities of Montara, Moss Beach and adjacent areas in unincorporated San Mateo County; and

WHEREAS, Montara Water and Sanitary District owns and operates water storage, treatment, and distribution facilities that currently provide domestic water to approximately 1,800 domestic and fire water connections; and

WHEREAS, the commonly called "Caltrans Bypass", also known as Martini Creek Bypass Lands, is unimproved state surplus land east of Elm Street in Montara, with the northern portion having been sold to the California State Parks System as a condition of building the Tom Lantos Tunnels at Devil's Slide, and the remaining portion running through Montara and Moss Beach without current ownership transfer plan by the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans); and

WHEREAS, Montara Water and Sanitary District has applied to Caltrans for acquisition of such land and also agrees with the Midcoast Community Council's recommendation that such property be rezoned from residential to open space; and

WHEREAS, Montara Water and Sanitary District is a public agency serving the same community that has already been using the land for recreation and would like to enhance its stewardship and watershed protection of the property; and

WHEREAS, Montara Water and Sanitary District currently provides critical source protection benefits to existing District water sources, which could be adversely affected should the Bypass Lands be developed commercially; and

WHEREAS, Montara Water and Sanitary District desires to maintain and preserve the natural landscapes of the area, and protect the watershed which constitutes an integral part of the District's necessary water supplies; and

WHEREAS, Montara Water and Sanitary District will adhere to the San Mateo County Local Coastal Program with such proposal by discouraging urban sprawl, maximizing the efficiency of public utilities, minimizing energy consumption, protecting the natural environment and revitalizing existing developed areas; and

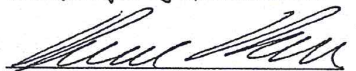
WHEREAS, Montara Water and Sanitary District would also preserve the Bypass Lands for use as recreational facilities and watershed protection and maintenance.


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of San Mateo County hereby strongly supports Montara Water and Sanitary District in its request to Caltrans for donation of the specified property known as the "Bypass Lands" in Montara, and encourages Caltrans to execute such transfer as soon as possible.

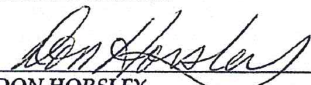
Dated: May 24, 2016

SUPERVISORS:


WARREN SLOCUM, PRESIDENT

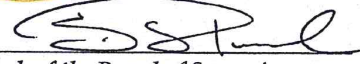

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