

RESOLUTION NO.

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BURLINGAME IN SUPPORT OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE FLOOD AND SEA LEVEL RISE RESILIENCY AGENCY

WHEREAS, flooding and sea level rise are immediate and long-term risks to San Mateo County, its residents, and employers; and

WHEREAS, addressing the risks and impacts of flooding and sea level rise requires cooperation and participation by multiple agencies; and

WHEREAS, in San Mateo County, there is not a single voice to advocate at countywide, regional, state, and federal levels for grants and legislation to support climate change resiliency efforts, placing the cities and County at a distinct disadvantage when pursuing funding for important flooding, regional stormwater, and sea level rise infrastructure projects; and

WHEREAS, infrastructure to address regional stormwater and flooding impacts is expensive and often requires State and Federal grant funding; and

WHEREAS, grant funding is highly competitive and difficult to obtain by cities acting individually, and legislators and regulatory agencies encourage development of a countywide effort to address regional stormwater and flooding issues; and

WHEREAS, regional and flood infrastructure projects require permits from multiple agencies, and the expertise in obtaining the permits is seldom available within local government since the permitting process is used infrequently in most cities; and

WHEREAS, erosion is already a problem along the San Mateo coastline, and existing levees along the San Francisco Bay are not adequate to address sea level rise by 2100; and

WHEREAS, the Regional Water Quality Control Board is expanding requirements that require storm water retention, trash capture, green infrastructure, and other multi-benefit storm water infrastructure projects to meet the Municipal Regional Permit; and

WHEREAS, the Countywide Water Coordination Committee of the City/County Association of Governments (C/CAG) developed a proposal for the formation of the Flood and Sea Level Rise Resiliency Agency (Agency); and

WHEREAS, the mission of the proposed Agency will be to address current and future sea level rise, flooding, coastal erosion, and storm water vulnerabilities through integrated regional planning, design, permitting, and project implementation and maintenance to create a resilient San Mateo County by 2100; and

WHEREAS, the proposal recommends the modification of the existing San Mateo County Flood Control District to revise its governance to include two members of the Board of Supervisors and five City or Town Council members appointed by C/CAG; and

WHEREAS, the County, in cooperation with Assemblymember Kevin Mullin and State Senator Jerry Hill are advancing legislation required to form the Agency by modifying the existing Flood Control District; and

WHEREAS, with support from the cities in the county, start-up efforts will begin over the next three years to ensure the sustainability of the Agency; and

WHEREAS, the start-up efforts will include development of a Flood and Sea Level Rise Resiliency Investment Plan; public outreach and education about flood, sea level rise, and regional storm water infrastructure needs; and investigation of the feasibility of available public infrastructure funding and financing methods to fund the ongoing operations of the Agency; and

WHEREAS, the Agency will continue the ongoing efforts of the existing Flood Control District and San Mateo County Flood Resiliency Program using their existing funding sources; and

WHEREAS, there is a need for resources to advance regional storm water and flood resiliency projects since most cities do not have the depth of staff and specialized expertise to advance these large projects; and

WHEREAS, the C/CAG Board of Directors and the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors endorse the proposal and recommend that all cities within the County support the formation of the Flood and Sea Level Rise Resiliency Agency.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BURLINGAME, RESOLVES THAT:

1. The City Council endorses the proposal for the formation of the Agency.
2. The City of Burlingame agrees to provide \$40,000 per year for three years per the funding allocation attached as Exhibit A to help fund the formation of the Agency.

Donna Colson, Mayor

I, Meaghan Hassel-Shearer, City Clerk of the City of Burlingame, certify that the foregoing Resolution was introduced at a regular meeting of the City Council held on the 1st day of April, 2019 and was adopted thereafter by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers:
NOES: Councilmembers:
ABSENT: Councilmembers:

Meghan Hassel-Shearer, City Clerk

Exhibit A
Proposed Annual Funding Contributions by Agency

Municipality	Population (2018 Dept. of Finance)	Proposed Contribution
Atherton	7,135	\$25,000
Belmont	27,388	\$40,000
Brisbane	4,692	\$25,000
Burlingame	30,294	\$40,000
Colma	1,501	\$25,000
Daly City	107,864	\$55,000
East Palo Alto	30,917	\$40,000
Foster City	33,490	\$40,000
Half Moon Bay	12,639	\$25,000
Hillsborough	11,543	\$25,000
Menlo Park	35,268	\$40,000
Millbrae	22,854	\$40,000
Pacifica	38,418	\$40,000
Portola Valley	4,767	\$25,000
Redwood City	86,380	\$55,000
San Bruno	46,085	\$40,000
San Carlos	29,897	\$40,000
San Mateo	104,490	\$55,000
South San Francisco	67,082	\$55,000
Woodside	5,623	\$25,000
San Mateo County	65,828	\$750,000