

RESOLUTION NO. 21-2024

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PACIFICA ADOPTING A NEW AUTHORIZING RESOLUTION FOR THE OPEN SPACE AND PARKLAND ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND RESCINDING RESOLUTION NO. 44- 2015

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 44-2015 of the City Council of the City of Pacifica ("Authorizing Resolution") established the Open Space and Parkland Advisory Committee ("OSPAC") subject to the criteria contained therein; and

WHEREAS, open spaces, parklands, prominent hills, ridgelines, bluffs, beaches, recreational opportunities, and viewsheds are fundamental to Pacifica's essence. The beauty, character, ecology, history, and quality of life afforded by these natural features provides residents and visitors alike with mental and physical health benefits and contributes to Pacifica's economy; and

WHEREAS, the Open Spaces and Parklands of Pacifica support a unique coastal flora and fauna that require intact and connected habitats to thrive; and

WHEREAS, equitable access to open spaces and parklands is an important component of addressing systemic injustices and inequalities; and

WHEREAS, the City Council and the OSPAC held a joint study session to review the Authorizing Resolution and consider whether revisions were necessary on August 28, 2023;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the OSPAC shall continue to operate and will be comprised of nine (9) members selected by the Council from the community at large; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the OSPAC shall operate consistent with the duties, responsibilities, goals, and objectives as stated in this Resolution, and shall operate consistently with the City of Pacifica Municipal Code and City of Pacifica Commission and Committee Handbook as both may be periodically amended by the City Council; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, while some of the recommended actions of the Open Space Task Force Report ("OSTF Report") have been completed, the OSTF Report should remain the basic reference for the OSPAC; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the OSPAC shall advise the City Council on issues pertaining to open space and parklands, including advisement on issues of equity, access, safety, trail connectivity, biodiversity and habitat protection, economics, scenic beauty, and effects on adjacent neighborhoods. The OSPAC is uniquely qualified to engage the public, to provide valuable recommendations on these topics, and provide input in a community forum to safeguard the benefits of open spaces and parklands for current and future generations; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the OSPAC shall advise the City Council on: (1) The Policy and Procedures of the National Park Service ("NPS") as they relate to areas of the Golden Gate National Recreation Area ("GGNRA") within the City of Pacifica and adjacent communities; (2) Issues surrounding the transfer of ownership of Cattle Hill and the Pedro Point Headlands to the NPS or other suitable long-term land stewards; (3) Access to and operation of the San Mateo

County Parks in and around the City of Pacifica including the San Pedro Valley County Park and the Devil's Slide Trail County Park; (4) Access to and operation of lands owned by the California Coastal Conservancy; (5) Access to and improvement and operation of open space lands owned or controlled by the City of Pacifica; and (6) Ways in which these areas can contribute to the economy of the City; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the OSPAC may assist City staff with identifying sources of funding (e.g., grants, bond or parcel tax measures or community fund raising resources) for open space preservation, acquisition, enhancement, and maintenance; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the OSPAC may plan and undertake periodic trail improvement social "work days" for trails located on City-owned property in full coordination with the City Manager; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the OSPAC may conduct an annual retreat, within the City, to improve organizational capacity and team building when determined necessary by the Chair of OSPAC, in full coordination with the City Manager and subject to available City funding and staff support for the OSPAC; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, during a future annual review of implementation of the General Plan the City Council will consider whether a General Plan amendment that formally connects the recommendations contained in the OSTF Report to one or more elements in the City's General Plan is appropriate to ensure a mechanism exists for formal consideration of the OSTF Report in City decision making including development review; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the OSPAC support staff shall prepare a written staff report describing projects (including maps, site plan, number of units, and related key details of the project relevant to OSPAC) proposed on sites listed in the Open Space Task Force report and summarizing the project's relationship to the site description in the OSTF Report. Support staff shall present this staff report at the first OSPAC meeting practicable following submission of the application; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the OSPAC may advise applicants on properties listed in the OSTF Report if such applicants voluntarily agree to present their projects to the OSPAC. Recommendations of the committee will be solely advisory. The OSPAC shall be authorized to draft invitation letters that Planning Department staff shall furnish to applicants for projects on properties listed in the OSTF Report, which shall outline the positive outcomes that may result from an application presentation to receive advisory feedback from the OSPAC. OSPAC support staff shall send the OSPAC's invitation letters as early as practicable in the project review process to maximize the potential for applicants to consider OSPAC's recommendations before reaching later stages in the project review process; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the OSPAC may from time to time be required to engage and collaborate with City Staff, other City Committees, City Commissions, and Pacifica's Land Trust in furtherance of its authorized activities; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution is intended to supersede the Authorizing Resolution in its entirety and Resolution No. 44-2015 is hereby rescinded.

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PASSED AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Pacifica, California, held on the 25th day of March, 2024, by the following vote:

AYES, Councilmembers: *Beckmeyer, Bier, Bigstycck, Vaterlaus.*

NOES, Councilmembers: *n/a*

ABSENT, Councilmembers: *n/a*

ABSTAIN, Councilmembers: *Bokes*

Sue Vaterlaus

Sue Vaterlaus, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sarah Coffey

Sarah Coffey, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Michelle Kenyon

For Michelle Kenyon, City Attorney