## **RESOLUTION NO. 22-27**

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF HARBOR COMMISSIONERS OF THE SAN MATEO COUNTY HARBOR DISTRICT DIRECTING THE GENERAL MANAGER TO CONTACT AND WORK WITH THE COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, THE SAN MATEO COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE, AND THE CITY OF HALF MOON BAY TO SEEK AND IDENTIFY ADDITIONAL FUNDING TO SUPPORT THE SAN MATEO COUNTY HARBOR DISTRICT'S MARITIME SEARCH AND RESCUE PROGRAM ON THE SAN MATEO COUNTY COASTLINE.

WHEREAS, the San Mateo County Coastline, known simply as the "Coastside" is a remarkable region providing millions of visitors amazing views, access to the maritime environment and the awesome power of the Pacific Ocean,

WHEREAS, with the remarkable beauty of the Coastside, the Coastside is a very dangerous environment with steep cliffs, strong and large surf, a powerful ocean, and remote, hard to access coves,

WHEREAS, multiple agencies and jurisdictions are responsible or have an obligation to provide maritime search and rescue on the Coastside, but the only agency that provides an immediate maritime response capability is the San Mateo County Harbor District,

WHEREAS, the San Mateo County Harbor District is staffed with superior and well trained search and rescue professionals, but is not properly staffed to provide 24/7 search and rescue capabilities.

## RESOLUTION NO. 22-27 (cont.)

**WHEREAS**, the Harbor District requires six additional Deputy Harbormasters to properly staff the District to provide 24/7 search and rescue response,

WHEREAS, the cost to add six additional Deputy Harbor Master positions is \$750,000 (adjusted annually based on the consumer price index),

WHEREAS, the Harbor District is not funded to cover the \$750,000 in annual costs, and must receive external funding to support the District's search and rescue operations on the Coastside, and

WHEREAS, without the six additional Deputy Harbormaster positions, the San Mateo County Harbor District will not be able to provide 24/7 search and rescue capabilities on the Coastside.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the San Mateo County Harbor District Board of Harbor Commissioners directs the following:

- 1. The General Manager shall contact external agencies and cities to seek funding required to support the Harbor District's search and rescue capability on the Coastside, and
- 2. Specifically, the General Manager shall contact and discuss funding opportunities with the County of San Mateo, the San Mateo County Sheriff's

## RESOLUTION NO. 22-27 (cont.)

Office, and the City of Half Moon Bay, as all three agencies and jurisdictions share responsibility for search and rescue on the Coastside.

## PASSED AND ADOPTED on this 19th day of October 2022.

I, the undersigned, hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution No. 22-27 was duly adopted by the Board of Commissioners of the San Mateo County Harbor District following Roll Call Vote:

FOR:

Reyering, Zemke, Mattusch, Chang Kiraly, Larenas

**AGAINST:** 

None

**ABSENT:** 

None

**ABSTENTION:** 

None

**BOARD OF HARBOR** 

**COMMISSIONERS** 

Nancy Revering President

ATTEST:

Melanie Hadden, Deputy Secretary