BOARD OF DIRECTORS PAJARO DUNES GEOLOGIC HAZARD ABATEMENT DISTRICT

A Resolution Declaring Certified Results for the Pajaro Dunes Seawall Maintenance and Repair Project Assessment Election and Levying Project Assessments in Zone 1 for Fiscal Year 2024-25

RESOLUTION No. 2024-07

WHEREAS, in 1999, the Board of the Pajaro Dunes Geologic Hazard Abatement District ("District") approved a benefit assessment district to establish and maintain a stable source of funding to pay for the costs and incidental expenses associated with the maintenance of improvements located within the District's boundaries; and

WHEREAS, the District Board has been working on the establishment of the Pajaro Dunes Seawall Maintenance and Repair Project ("Project"), which entails the long needed repair and restoration of portions of the seawall for which all properties in Zone 1 of the District are responsible, for a number of years; and

WHEREAS, the Board discussed and received input from the public on the need for this Project, and related plans and cost estimates, at noticed meetings of the Board on October 7 and December 9 of 2023, and March 9, April 6, May 18, and June 1 of 2024; and

WHEREAS, on June 1, 2024, after consideration of budgetary estimates for the Project and public input, the Board adopted Resolution No. 2024-01 declaring its intent under the authority of the Geologic Hazard Abatement District Law, Public Resources Code Sections 26650 et seq. and Article XIIID, Section 4 of the California Constitution, to seek approval of the District's Zone 1 members (essentially the entire District) to levy a new annual assessment upon property within the District over a term not to exceed ten years to cover the Project's estimated costs, and to call for an election on the same in accordance with legal procedures; and

WHEREAS, additionally, on June 1, 2024, the Board considered and approved documents and resolutions necessary to initiate the election process for the consideration of assessments to fund the Project, including resolutions accepting an Engineer's Report for the Project as prepared by the District's Engineer of Record, Hayley Aldrich, Inc., accepting the President's Report for a 2024 assessment election, approving the form of notices to property owners for the 2024 election assessment, approving the form of balloting procedures for the 2024 assessment election and approving the form of ballots for the 2024 assessment election, and thereafter provided Staff with direction to conduct an election and distribute ballots to the Zone 1 membership; and

WHEREAS, the District has conducted the election process to approve or deny the levy of a new assessment in accordance with all legal requirements, and an excess of 45 days has been provided to members to cast their ballots; and

WHEREAS, the Board has set and noticed July 27, 2024, at 9:00 a.m., as the date and time for a Public Hearing to receive comment and hear protests on the District's proposed new assessment for the Project, and to accept any ballots submitted before the close of said hearing.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Pajaro Dunes GHAD as follows:

- 1. A public hearing was held on July 27, 2024 to hear and consider public comment and protests to the levy and collection of proposed new District assessments and to receive any outstanding ballots, and the Board considered all oral and written statements, communications and protests made or filed by interested parties regarding this matter.
- 2. Ali Osgood, the Board's retained independent consultant, has tabulated the results of the weighted ballots and has provided the Board with a "Certificate of Election Results," a copy of which is attached hereto, which the Board hereby accepts, indicating that the new annual assessments over a ten-year term, and Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Project Assessments, have been approved by a majority vote.
- 3. The Board hereby confirms the diagrams and assessments as set forth in the Hayley Aldrich Engineer's Report, and hereby levies the assessments for Fiscal Year 2024-2035 as set forth therein within Zone 1 of the District.
- 4. The Board hereby authorizes and directs the District Clerk to file a certified copy of the approved assessments with the County Auditor for Santa Cruz by no later than August 1, 2024, who shall thereafter enter upon the county assessment roll opposite each lot or parcel of land the amount assessed thereon, as shown in the assessments.

PASSED AND ADOPTED at a meeting of the Board of the Directors of the Pajaro Dunes Geologic Hazard Abatement District of the County of Santa Cruz, State of California, this 27th day of July, 2024, by the following vote:

AYES: Patrick Dobbins, Michael Buther, David Ferrar."
John Collen, Raphael Kraw
NOES.

NOES:

ABENT:

ABSTAIN:

Attest:

Clerk of the Board

CERTIFICATION OF ELECTION RESULTS FOR THE 2024 ASSESSMENT ELECTION

ZONE 1

I, Ali Osgood, certify that the attached vote tabulation is a full, true and correct statement of the results of the 2024 Assessment Balloting for the Pajaro Dunes Seawall Maintenance and Repair Plan Project, as initiated by the Pajaro Dunes Geologic Hazard Abatement District Board of Directors on June 1, 2024. The ballots were counted and the voting was tabulated in an open setting after the completion of a noticed public hearing at The Meadow Room, 130 Sandpiper Ln, Watsonville, CA, 95076, on July 27, 2024.

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Date 07.77.2024

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Final Vote Tabulation for 2024 Assessment Election	
Weighted vote in Support	0.478524
Weighted vote in Opposition	0.050068
Total weighted vote that voted	0.53
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Percentage of weighted votes in Support	91%
Percentage of weighted votes in Opposition	9%
Total Percentage	100%
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Total number of ballots in Support	139
Total number of ballots in Opposition	11
Total number of ballots deemed unreadable/non vote	1 non vote, 1 duplicate
Total number of ballots received	151