



## TAMALPAIS COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT

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### RESOLUTION NO. 2023-12

#### RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE TAMALPAIS COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT APPROVING THE INSTALLATION OF THE CRITICAL OUTDOOR ALERTING SYSTEM KNOWN AS THE LONG-RANGE ACOUSTIC DEVICE (LRAD) IN EASTWOOD PARK.

**WHEREAS**, since 2019 LRAD has been established and tested monthly in the southern region of Marin County as part of a strategy developed by Mill Valley, following analysis of the Oakland Hills Fire (1991); and

**WHEREAS**, in 2019 the Southern Marin Fire Protection District (SMFD) presented LRAD to surrounding municipalities prior to the release of a Wildfire Risk Assessment of the Fire District, determining strategic approaches to notify the communities most at risk from an advancing wildfire threat; following analysis of the Tubbs Fire (2017); and

**WHEREAS**, in 2020, the SMFD has been identifying underserved areas throughout the Fire District to add state-of-the-art LRAD systems which can provide verbal instructions and outdoor siren sounds to warn the public of a wildfire impacting the local residents; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2022, the SMFD presented and identified three possible locations in Eastwood Park, which is owned by Tamalpais Community Services District, as the selected locations to serve the regional neighborhoods and establish an outdoor alerting system; and

**WHEREAS**, SMFD conducted public outreach and presented to the TCSD Board of Directors the possible locations for the placement of the LRAD siren in Eastwood Park; and

**WHEREAS**, the LRAD outdoor alerting system offers an additional critical option to alert the public of an impending wildfire by way of satellite downlink and is tested on a monthly basis (first Saturday of the month at noon); and

**WHEREAS**, the project will make a good faith effort to not exceed the height of the surrounding nearby utility poles with LRAD equipment mounted on the top and will contain speakers, junction box, amplifier, battery backup with solar panel charging for continuous operation during potential public safety power shut off events; and

**WHEREAS**, Project funding has been identified in the Marin Wildfire Prevention Authority's FY 2022/2023 budget for installation, operation, and maintenance; and

**WHEREAS**, The Southern Marin Fire Protection District will take every precaution and utilize appropriate tools at their disposal (including LRAD) to notify and protect residents from natural disasters, specifically wildland fires.

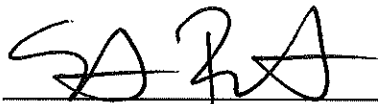
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Tamalpais Community Services District hereby approves the location in Eastwood Park as best described as near the restroom in Eastwood Park and authorizes the General Manager or his designee to work collaboratively with the Southern Marin Fire Protection District for the installation of a utility pole and LRAD equipment at Eastwood Park, with the preference that the pole not exceed the height of the existing nearby utility poles and/or comparable tree lines

The foregoing resolution was duly passed and adopted by the Board of Directors of the Tamalpais Community Service District at a duly noticed meeting held in said District on the 14th day of June 2023 by the following vote:

AYES: *S. Bartschat, J. Brown, J. Jacobs, S. Levine*

NAYS:

ABSENT: *M. McMahon*



Steffen Bartschat, President

ATTEST:



Secretary, Tamalpais Community Services District