RESOLUTION NO. 2024-04

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE GREATER HAYFORK VALLEY PARK AND RECREATION DISTRICT ORDERING AN ELECTION FOR SUBMISSION TO THE VOTERS OF THE DISTRICT AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DISTRICT TO IMPOSE AND LEVY A SPECIAL TAX AND REQUESTING THE ELECTION BE CONSOLIDATED WITH THE NOVEMBER 5, 2024 GENERAL ELECTION

RESOLVED, by the Board of Directors ("Board") of the Greater Hayfork Valley Park and Recreation District ("District"), that:

WHEREAS, the District seeks to establish a new special tax to better fund recreation and park services to District residents in a manner consistent with the Recreation and Park District Law (California Public Resources Code Section 5780 et. seq), which includes the services enumerated in Section 5786, and in particular to manage, operate, maintain, and improve Hayfork Park and Pool; and

WHEREAS, to ensure that park and recreation services can continue to be provided, the Board has determined that it must request the support and approval by the voters to replace the current tax with a new special tax to provide increased, sufficient, and reliable revenues that can be used to maintain parks and recreation services provided by the District into the future; and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to propose an Ordinance authorizing the District to impose and levy a special tax on real property located within the District to sustain park and recreation services; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the authority of Government Code Section 50075 and following, and Article XIII A of the California Constitution, this Ordinance, if passed by two-thirds voter approval, would supersede the existing parcel tax approved by the voters of the District in 1989 (Measure "A" Greater Hayfork Valley Park and Recreation District General Tax, contained in Ordinance No. 90-01); and

WHEREAS, state law requires that such an Ordinance be submitted to the voters of the District for their approval, and authorizes the Board to order an election for that purpose and to request consolidation of the election with any other election held on the same date in territory that is the same or is in part the same.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board hereby resolves and orders as follows:

- 1. The Board finds and declares that the amount of revenue available to the District from existing sources is inadequate to meet the District's ability to manage, operate, maintain, and improve Hayfork Park and Pool and fund recreation and park services to District residents in a manner consistent with the Recreation and Park District Law (California Public Resources Code Section 5780 et. seq).
- 2. The Board finds and declares that imposing a special tax is necessary to: a) provide annual budget support to fund ongoing management, operation, maintenance, and improvement to Hayfork Park and Pool, consistent with the needs of the community and Recreation and Park District Law, and 2) provide for a Reserve Fund for capital replacement and emergency expenditures to be built over time as part of the annual budget adopted each year at a public meeting of the District Board.
- 3. The Board determines that an Ordinance authorizing the District to impose and levy a special tax having a rate of \$30.00 per assessor's parcel per year in order to ensure that park and recreation services can continue to be provided, shall be presented to the voters of the District. In accordance with Section 53739 of the California Government Code, the rate may be adjusted each year for inflation by an amount equal to the annual percentage change, if any, in the California Consumer Price Index (CPI) for "All Urban Consumers" published by the State of California Department of Industrial Relations, up to a maximum annual increase of three (3.0) percent. In addition, the Ordinance provides two specific exemptions to qualifying landowners, including a Hardship Exemption and Contiguous Parcel Exemption.
- 4. The Board further determines that the form of the Ordinance, which is hereby designated Ordinance No. 2024-01, shall be as set forth in Exhibit "A," attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference. Pursuant to state law, Ordinance No. 2024-01 shall not go into effect unless it is approved by two-thirds of the votes cast by voters of the District voting upon the question of its approval.
- 5. The Board finds and declares that the District at present time collects revenues from a previously approved parcel tax, 1989 Measure "A" Greater Hayfork Valley Park and Recreation District General Tax, contained in Ordinance No. 90-01. This tax currently imposes a rate of \$10.00 per year for only one parcel owned by an individual or joint tenant where title is exactly the same for parcels. The current tax is not sufficient for the ongoing management, operation, maintenance, and improvement of the Hayfork Park and Pool recreation facilities. Therefore, the 1989 tax shall be repealed and replaced entirely upon the approval of the new special tax. However, should this Ordinance not be approved by the voters, the current tax will remain in full force and effect.

- 6. The Board finds and declares that the District has complied with all laws requiring notice of the actions contained herein and has held a public hearing as required by law.
- 7. The Board hereby directs that the foregoing measure be submitted to voters of the District and requests the election be consolidated with the November 5, 2024 general election in the following manner:
 - (a) There shall be included on the ballot to be marked by the voters of the District, in addition to any other matters required by law, ballot language in the following form:

"In order to provide a dedicated source of local funding for the Hayfork Park and Pool, shall Greater Hayfork Valley Park and Recreation District Ordinance No. 2024-01, authorizing the District to impose and levy a new \$30 per year per parcel special tax, replacing the current \$10 tax if approved, providing approximately \$80,000 annually until repealed, be adopted?"

- (b) The ballot to be used at the election shall be both as to form and matter contained therein such as may be required by law.
- (c) The Trinity County Registrar of Voters is hereby authorized, instructed, and directed to provide and furnish any and all official ballots, notices, printed matter, and all supplies and equipment that may be necessary to properly and lawfully conduct the election.
- (d) The Trinity County Registrar of Voters shall give all notices required by law.
- (e) Arguments for and against the measure may be, and other analyses provided for by law shall be, submitted in accordance with law.
- (f) It is hereby requested that the election be consolidated with any other election held on the same date in territory that is the same or in part the same.
- (g) The canvass of ballots cast at the election shall be conducted in accordance with law.
- 8. The Clerk of the Board is directed to forward a copy of this resolution to the Trinity County Board of Supervisors and to the Trinity County Registrar of Voters.

9, 2024, by Director <u>Resea Miller</u>, who moved its adoption, seconded by Director Heather Janes, and ordered adopted by the following vote:

YES: 3 NOES: 4 ABSTAIN: 4 ABSENT: 2

President, Board of Directors
Greater Hayfork Valley Park and Recreation District