

**RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_-2017**

**RESOLUTION OF THE FORT BRAGG CITY COUNCIL  
FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE CITIZENS OF THE NORTH COAST, THE  
ENVIRONMENT, AND OUR ECONOMIC FUTURE**

**WHEREAS**, Fort Bragg, California is a beautiful coastal destination community that is focused upon health and well-being with a vision to develop a coastal trail on the former mill site that is bringing thousands of new people to our community; and

**WHEREAS**, the long term well-being of our region is entirely dependent upon a healthy ocean and natural landscape, requiring protection of our unique Fort Bragg coastal resources and offering unique opportunities through restoration of the coastal wetlands; and

**WHEREAS**, the final phase of the mill site cleanup is underway, and the mill pond and associated wetlands contain toxic contamination that may be harmful to the health and well-being of humans and wildlife both on the land and in the ocean; and

**WHEREAS**, plans for wetlands restoration has been part of the community planning in conjunction with cleanup decision making process because monies to achieve the best restoration for the former mill site are more available while this process is underway, working collaboratively with the City of Fort Bragg for the best outcome on the Headlands; and

**WHEREAS**, the mill pond is vulnerable to earthquake, tsunami and sea level rise and is in the historic pathway of Maple Creek, and the restoration effort; and

**WHEREAS**, the need for climate change adaptation in every coastal community is real and urgent; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the City Council of the City of Fort Bragg does hereby resolve that:

1. The restoration of all the wetland areas on the mill site be given a strong and renewed priority by decision-makers; and
2. The community would like to see the mill pond dismantled and thoroughly cleaned of toxic contamination or safely and permanently capped with meadowland; and
3. Plans for a more natural wetlands system restoration become the priority, and include planning for lowland tidal marshes, possibly upland marshes, and the daylighting of Maple and Alder Creeks; and
4. Every effort to implement a sound environmental solution to the remediation will be pursued in a timely fashion.

**The above and foregoing Resolution was introduced by Councilmember \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by Councilmember \_\_\_\_\_, and passed and adopted at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Fort Bragg held on the 27<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2017, by the following vote:**

**AYES:**

**NOES:**

**ABSENT:  
ABSTAIN:  
RECUSED:**

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**LINDY PETERS  
Mayor**

**ATTEST:**

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**June Lemos, CMC  
City Clerk**