

RESOLUTION NO. 4052-2017

RESOLUTION OF THE FORT BRAGG CITY COUNCIL EXPRESSING COUNCIL AND COMMUNITY PREFERENCE REGARDING CLEAN UP GOALS FOR THE REMEDIATION OF WETLANDS IN OPERABLE UNIT E

WHEREAS, Fort Bragg, California is a beautiful coastal destination community that is focused upon health and well-being with a vision that includes 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, wetlands restoration is part of the community vision for reuse of the Mill Site; and

WHEREAS, wetlands restoration is best achieved in conjunction with the cleanup because wetland mitigation may be required as part of the remediation process implementation; 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 establishing a more natural wetlands system restoration are a community priority, and include possible creation of lowland tidal marshes, upland marshes, and the daylighting of Maple and Alder Creeks; and
4. Every effort to implement a sound environmental solution to the remediation should be pursued in a timely fashion.

The above and foregoing Resolution was introduced by Councilmember Turner, seconded by Councilmember Lee, and passed and adopted at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Fort Bragg held on the 27th day of November, 2017, by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Cimolino, Lee, Norvell, Turner and Mayor Peters.

NOES: None.
ABSENT: None.
ABSTAIN: None.
RECUSED: None.



LINDY PETERS
Mayor

ATTEST:



June Lemos, CMC
City Clerk