



County of Sonoma

State of California

Date: May 16, 2023

Item Number: _____

Resolution Number: _____

☐ 4/5 Vote Required

Resolution of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Sonoma, State of California, and the Board of Directors of the Sonoma County Water Agency to recognize the 50th anniversary of Spring Lake Regional Park and the unique partnership between Sonoma County Regional Parks and the Sonoma County Water Agency in managing this important resource.

Whereas, 60 years ago, between 1962 and 1964, Spring Lake was constructed by the Sonoma County Water Agency (Sonoma Water), with technical assistance from the Natural Resources Conservation Service, as a flood protection reservoir and as part of the Central Sonoma Watershed project to protect Santa Rosa from flooding; and

Whereas, 50 years ago, in 1973, Sonoma County Regional Parks and Sonoma Water entered into an agreement for the recreational operation of Spring Lake and the surrounding land in this 320-acre parcel, creating one of the first regional parks; and

Whereas, Spring Lake was subsequently developed into one of the county's most popular parks, a destination for recreation and education that enhances the quality of life for the more than 650,000 residents and visitors each year; and

Whereas, Spring Lake's recreation services grew to include boating, fishing, a seasonal swimming lagoon and water park, camping, picnicking, wildlife viewing, summer camps and trails beloved by hikers, cyclists and equestrians; and

Whereas, over the past five decades, generations of residents have made lasting memories at Spring Lake while experiencing its recreational amenities with family and friends, as well as with countless organizations that have hosted annual sporting events and community activities within the park; and

Whereas, Regional Parks, with support from Sonoma Water, the Regional Parks Foundation and other partners, developed the Environmental Discovery Center at Spring Lake, a resource that has grown into the county's largest provider of environmental education for elementary school children; and

Whereas, Sonoma Water continues to operate the 72-acre Spring Lake as a critical flood-control system for Santa Rosa — designed to accommodate water equal to a 100-year-flood — while Regional Parks operates the recreational infrastructure and programming of the park; and

Whereas, throughout 2023, Regional Parks will be investing in a range of improvements to update Spring Lake’s amenities and enhance public access, ensuring the park continues to serve future generations of visitors, and is organizing special public outings to highlight the park’s history and special features; and

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Sonoma and the Board of Directors of the Sonoma County Water Agency honor and celebrate the 50th anniversary of Spring Lake Regional Park’s development and the continuing partnership between Sonoma County Regional Parks and Sonoma Water.

Supervisors:

Gorin:

Rabbitt:

Gore:

Hopkins:

Coursey:

Ayes:

Noes:

Absent:

Abstain:

So Ordered.