



County of Sonoma

State of California

Date: July 7, 2020

Item Number: _____

Resolution Number: _____

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**Resolution Of The Board Of Supervisors Of The County Of Sonoma, State Of California,
Accepting A Donated Quitclaim Deed Of The Fee Title Under The County's Geysers Road Right
Of Way Near The Mendocino County Line Northeast of Cloverdale, Authorizing The Chair To
Execute A Certificate of Acceptance, Authoring The Clerk To File The Quitclaim Deed With The
County Records Office, And Authorizing The Regional Parks Director To File A Notice Of
Exemption With The Sonoma County Clerk Pursuant To The California Environmental Quality
Act**

Whereas, the County's most northern 2 mile segment of the Geysers Road right of way lies within an approximately 48 acre "highway easement" that was granted to the State of California in 1938 and later transferred to Sonoma County in 2007, and

Whereas, the 1938 "highway easement" extends to the center of the Russian River for two long stretches totaling approximately two-thirds of a mile of river shoreline, active river-access use by the public has taken place for many years particularly during the summer months, and

Whereas, the County has desired to provide safe amenities for the public's use of this river access opportunity, the lack of the ownership of the underlying fee title has appeared to be an obstacle to the development of capital improvements, and

Whereas, the County has been presented with an fully executed quitclaim deed dated October 21, 2019 from First Bank, a Missouri state chartered bank, as the successor in interest to Bank of San Francisco, a California banking corporation, transferring to the County First

Bank's interests in the fee title underlying the 1938 highway easement,

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that this Board of Supervisors hereby finds, determines, and declares and orders as follows:

1. *Truth of Recitals.* The foregoing recitations are true and correct.

2. *Authority to Execute Certificate of Acceptance for Fee Interest.* The Chair is authorized to execute, on behalf of the County of Sonoma, a certificate of acceptance of the fee title offered by the October 21, 2019 Quitclaim Deed executed by First Bank, pursuant to Government Code Section 27281.

3. *Authorization for Recordation.* That the Clerk is authorized and directed to record with the Sonoma County Recorder the quitclaim deed and certificate of acceptance contemplated by this Resolution.

4. *California Environmental Quality Act.* That the Regional Parks Director is hereby authorized and directed to file a Notice of Exemption with the Sonoma County Clerk in accordance with the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act.

Supervisors:

Rabbitt: Zane: Gore: Hopkins: Gorin:

Ayes: Noes: Absent: Abstain:

So Ordered.