RESOLUTION NO. 2021-08

RESOLUTION OF THE MARIN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE WAIVER BY MARIN COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SERVICES OF MARIN COUNTY REGULATIONS FOR THE DESIGN, CONSTRUCTION AND REPAIR OF INDIVIDUAL SEWAGE DISPOSAL SYSTEMS FOR THE BOLINAS ON-SITE WASTEWATER TREATMENT SYSTEMS PILOT PROJECT PROPOSAL

WHEREAS, the California On-Site Wastewater Treatment System Policy dated June 19, 2012 (OWTS Policy), Marin County Local Agency Management Plan (LAMP) dated April 26, 2016, and the Marin County Code Chapter 18.06: Design, Construction and Repair of Individual Sewage Disposal Systems (collectively referred to as OWTS Regulations) set forth a regulatory framework for the design and approval of OWTS; and

WHEREAS, on December 16, 2020, Bolinas Community Land Trust (BCLT) submitted to Marin County Environmental Health Services its "Bolinas On-Site Wastewater Treatment System Pilot Project Proposal" (Pilot Proposal) which seeks to facilitate Class II upgrades of onsite wastewater treatment systems (OWTS) for existing development and/or allowing the addition of a deed-restricted Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) on parcels with existing residential development through upgrade or installation of Class II OWTS, for up to 22 residential properties in Bolinas, California, through waivers of certain OWTS regulations; and

WHEREAS, the requested OWTS design waivers for properties that meet the requirements of the Pilot Proposal include: (1) waiver of the requirement for separation between the highest level of groundwater and the bottom of the dispersal system reduced to two (2) feet or 24 inches with supplemental treatment/pretreatment of the wastewater; (2) increasing the size limit of ADUs allowed on parcels with existing residential development from 500 square feet to 800 square feet; and (3) allowing installation of systems that meet Class II OWTS standards; and

WHEREAS, each property seeking OWTS waivers under the Pilot Proposal will be subject to site review and evaluation of existing and proposed OWTS by Marin County Environmental Health Services; and

WHEREAS, on January 7, 2021, the San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board issued a letter to Marin County Environmental Health Services authorizing Marin County to review, authorize, and permit OWTS with less than two feet of separation to groundwater on an interim basis, provided that the Marin County LAMP is upgraded to include supplemental treatment components to substantially improve OWTS effluent quality, or where the effluent dispersal system has been designed to mitigate for lacking a minimum of two feet separation between the bottom of the effluent dispersal system and the seasonal, high groundwater; and

WHEREAS, properties granted waivers through the Pilot Proposal will also be subject to a "Limited Water Use Permit" from the Bolinas Community Public Utility District (BCPUD), restricting water use at the participating property to no more than 224 gallons of water a day.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes Marin County Environmental Health Services to waive certain OWTS regulations, as needed and requested, consistent with authorization by the San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board for the Bolinas On-Site Wastewater Treatment System Pilot Project.

PASSED AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Marin held on this 9th day of February 2021, by the following vote:

AYES:

SUPERVISORS Damon Connolly, Katie Rice, Stephanie Moulton-Peters,

Judy Arnold, Dennis Rodoni

NOES:

NONE

ABSENT:

NONE

PRESIDENT, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

ATTEST: