## Firehouse Community Park Agency

100 Mesa Road P.O. Box 461 Bolinas, CA 94924 July 15, 2025

Board of Directors Bolinas Community Public Utility District (BCPUD) 270 Elm Road Bolinas, CA 94924

Dear Members of the BCPUD Board,

On behalf of the Firehouse Community Park Agency (FHCPA), I'm writing to reaffirm our longstanding partnership and respectfully request BCPUD's support on several important items

related to the continued care and improvement of Mesa Park.

As you know, FHCPA manages Mesa Park on land owned by BCPUD. In that role, we take full responsibility for its operations, maintenance, and community access — while also supporting BCPUD directly. Key examples of our collaboration include:

- Providing space for BCPUD's treatment facility within the Mesa Park parking lot.
- Mesa Parking Lot Insurance The park pays liability insurance for the lot.
- Transferring a \$250,000 grant originally awarded to FHCPA to BCPUD, when FHCPA was unable to accept the funds. This grant has supported BCPUD's infrastructure efforts.

In addition to this collaboration, FHCPA is currently leading major capital improvements for the benefit of the Bolinas community:

- Completion of a new baseball field
- Full resurfacing of the basketball and pickleball courts
- Active fundraising for a new playground, with \$150,000 still needed and a verbal commitment of \$200,000 already secured

Given FHCPA's role as both steward of BCPUD land and a driver of local investment, we respectfully request the following:

## 1. Assistance with Downtown Park Service Pump Repairs

We request BCPUD's support — whether financial, in-kind, or through a lending arrangement — to help cover the cost of urgently needed repairs to the downtown park service pump. This is shared infrastructure that serves a key part of the community.

## 2. Waiver or Reduction of the \$6,000 Annual Service Fee

FHCPA is currently charged approximately \$6,000 annually in water and sewer service fees. Given that we manage BCPUD's land at no cost and have contributed significantly to public infrastructure and services, we believe this fee should be waived or significantly reduced.

## 3. Approval of the JPA Amendment

In June 2025, the FHCPA Board approved an amendment to the Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) to reflect current operational realities, including governance practices and audit frequency. As noted by our Park Manager, **Suraya Brendel**, this item is on BCPUD's **July 16, 2025 agenda** for review. We respectfully request your approval so the amendment may proceed to the Bolinas-Stinson Union School District and then to the Marin County Board of Supervisors for final ratification.

Mesa Park is a vital community space. With your continued partnership and support, we can ensure it remains a sustainable, welcoming, and resilient part of Bolinas for generations to come.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely

David Lich President Firehouse Community Park Agency (Mesa Park)

