RESOLUTION NO. 2020-13

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
THE NOVATO FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
INTENT TO PARTICIPATE IN
THE GREAT CALIFORNIA SHAKEOUT
AND WORK TOWARD BECOMING A SAFER COMMUNITY

WHEREAS, the Novato Fire District recognizes that no community is immune from natural hazards whether it be earthquake, wildfire, flood, winter storms, drought, heat wave, or dam failure, and recognizes the importance enhancing its ability to withstand natural hazards as well as the importance of reducing the human suffering, property damage, interruption of public services and economic losses caused by those hazards; and

WHEREAS, major earthquakes pose a particular, significant, and ongoing threat to the entire Novato region; and

WHEREAS, the Novato Fire District has a shared responsibility to promote earthquake preparedness internally as well as with the public and plan appropriately for earthquake-related disasters; and

WHEREAS, the protection of Novato Fire District employees will allow them to facilitate the continuity of government and assist the public following a major earthquake event; and

WHEREAS, community resiliency to earthquakes and other disasters depends on the preparedness levels of all stakeholders in the community - individuals, families, schools, community organizations, faith-based organizations, non-profits, businesses, and government; and

WHEREAS, by participating in The Great California ShakeOut on October 15, 2020 the Novato Fire District has the opportunity to join and support all Californians in strengthening community and regional resiliency; and

WHEREAS, by supporting The Great California ShakeOut, the Novato Fire District can utilize the information on www.ShakeOut.org/california to educate its residents regarding actions to protect life and property, including mitigating structural and non-structural hazards and participating in earthquake drills; and

WHEREAS, by registering at http://www.shakeout.org/california Novato Fire District employees can participate in the ShakeOut "Drop, Cover and Hold On" earthquake drill on October 15 at 10:15 a.m., and encourage the public, schools, businesses, and other community stakeholders to also register.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:
The Novato Fire District hereby approves participating in the Great California Shakeout hereto by taking time to recognize and acknowledge the importance of preparing our city for the purpose of building a safer community and reducing the loss of lives and property from a major earthquake event by taking proactive steps today.
PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Directors, Novato Fire Protection District, on the 7th day of October 2020 by the following vote:

AYES: Davis, Gomes, Nueteio, Silverman

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

Novato Fire Protection District

[Signature]
Louis Silverman, President, Board of Directors

Attest:

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Jeanne Villa, Clerk of the Board