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****MEDIA ADVISORY****

‘Coffee & King Tides’ Events Kicks Off the High Tide Season

Two Dec. 4 viewing parties, photo contest help visualize future impacts of changing climate

Redwood City — The media and public are invited to join the County of San Mateo’s Office of Sustainability, Supervisor Don Horsley and California King Tides Project organizers to watch the year’s highest tides and learn how state and local governments are preparing for future sea level rise.

WHAT: “Coffee & King Tides” is a citizen effort through the King Tides Project to photograph and witness the tides to visualize the “normal” tides of the future and document what is at risk from flooding and erosion. Each viewing event will include complimentary coffee and snacks while officials share information about the current projects aimed at reducing sea level rise impacts, take photos and promote the first San Mateo County King tides photo contest which closes Jan. 12, 2018.

WHEN: Monday, Dec. 4, 2017

9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.: Mirada Road, at the Miramar Beach Restaurant parking lot, 131 Mirada Road, Half Moon Bay

11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.: Oyster Point Marina, at the parking lot next to Dominic’s, 95 Harbor Master Road, South San Francisco

WHO: King Tides at Mirada Road – Supervisor Don Horsley and staff from the County of San Mateo, City of Half Moon Bay and San Mateo County Harbor District.

King Tides at Oyster Point Marina – Representatives from the County of San Mateo, the City of South San Francisco and San Mateo County Harbor District.

WHY: King tide images offer a living record of shoreline changes due changing climate and a glimpse of what daily tides may look like in the future. Scientists and policy makers benefit from imagery documenting existing flooding and flood risk during the highest of the tides. Residents can learn about the potential impacts and help with planning ahead for future generations.

For more information on the events or photo contest, contact Hilary Papendick, climate change/adaptation program manager with the Office of Sustainability at 650-363-4168 or hpapendick@smcgov.org; or visit <http://seachangesmc.com/current-efforts/san-mateo-county-king-tides/>

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