

**RESOLUTION NO. 2024-13**

**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 Shake Out on October 17, 2024, the Novato Fire District has the opportunity to join and support all Californians in strengthening community and regional resiliency; and

**WHEREAS**, the Novato Fire District will conduct an earthquake drill, District building evacuations, and field exercises including a Windshield Survey, and work in unified command with Novato Police Department, and

**WHEREAS**, by supporting The Great California Shake Out, the Novato Fire District can utilize the information on [www.ShakeOut.org/california](http://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 Shake Out "Drop, Cover and Hold On" earthquake drill on October 17 at 10:17 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 2<sup>nd</sup> day of October 2024 by the following vote:

AYES: *Davis, Goines, Hadfield, Silverman*

NOES: *NA*

ABSENT: *Francisco*



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Louis Silverman, President, Board of Directors

Attest:



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Jennifer Crayne, Clerk of the Board