

Certifying the Citywide Creek Master Plan Final Environmental Impact Report

March 27, 2007

RESOLUTION NO. 26803

RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA ROSA CERTIFYING THE CITYWIDE CREEK MASTER PLAN FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT

WHEREAS, pursuant to requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA"), the State CEQA Guidelines, and the Santa Rosa City Code, a notice of preparation of an environmental impact report for the Citywide Creek Master Plan ("Master Plan") was circulated and a public scoping meeting was held on August 16, 2006, to offer interested individuals, organizations, and governmental agencies an opportunity to provide input regarding the potential environmental effects of the Master Plan; and

WHEREAS, a Draft Environmental Impact Report ("EIR") was prepared and sent to the State Clearinghouse for review by state agencies; and

WHEREAS, a notice of the completion and a notice of availability of the Draft EIR was provided and the Draft EIR was made available to the public for review and comment for a period of 60 days beginning on November 9, 2006, and ending on January 9, 2007; and

WHEREAS, on January 11, 2007, after the end of the public review period, the Planning Commission held a noticed public hearing regarding the Draft EIR at which time all persons wishing to be heard were invited to speak or submit written comment; and

WHEREAS, the Draft EIR (State Clearinghouse Number 2006072103), dated November 2006, and the Responses to Comments, dated February 2007, which contains all comments and recommendations received on the Draft EIR, a list of persons, organizations, and public agencies submitting comments on the Draft EIR, and responses by the City to the comments received, comprise the Final EIR; and

WHEREAS, a Mitigation Monitoring Program identifying the mitigation measures required to reduce significant impacts of the project to less than significant levels, has been prepared and also is included in and is a part of the Final EIR; and

WHEREAS, the Final EIR was presented to the Council in accordance with the requirements of CEQA and the Santa Rosa City Code.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Santa Rosa makes the following findings:

- A. Each member of the Council has reviewed and considered the information contained in the Final EIR, including the Draft EIR, the comments on the Draft EIR and the responses to the comments;
- B. An adequate opportunity for public participation, including review and comment on the Draft EIR, has been provided in accordance with the requirements of CEQA;
- C. The responses to comments contained in the Final EIR represent a reasoned, good faith evaluation of each comment and respond to all significant environmental issues raised in the comments;

D. The responses to comments in the Final EIR do not provide any significant new information which would require recirculation of the Draft EIR;

E. The Council, having independently reviewed, analyzed, and considered the information contained in the Final EIR, finds and determines that the Final EIR adequately identifies and analyzes the environmental effects of the Project and the alternatives;

F. The Council hereby makes, adopts, and incorporates herein as its "findings of fact" regarding the potential environmental impacts of the Master Plan, the analysis and conclusions set forth in the Final EIR and specifically finds that based on substantial evidence in the record, the Master Plan, if the Mitigation Monitoring Program is implemented, will not have a significant impact on the environment.

G. The Final EIR was completed in compliance with the requirements of CEQA, the State CEQA Guidelines, and the Santa Rosa City Code; and

H. The Final EIR, and this Resolution, including the findings, represent the independent judgment and analysis of this Council.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Final EIR, as described above, is complete, adequate, and prepared in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council shall use the Final EIR, as recommended for certification, to assist it in its consideration of the adoption of the Citywide Creek Master Plan.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Mitigation Monitoring Program for the Project has been prepared in accordance with Section 21081.6 of CEQA, and the Council hereby adopts the Mitigation Monitoring Program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the City shall make available the Final EIR and other related materials which constitute the record of the proceedings upon which the Council's decision is based at the Department of Community Development, Room 3, Santa Rosa City Hall, 100 Santa Rosa Avenue, Santa Rosa.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that within five days after the approval of the Master Plan, the Department of Community Development shall file a Notice of Determination with the County Clerk of the County of Sonoma.

IN COUNCIL DULY PASSED this 27th day of March, 2007.

AYES: (5) Mayor Blanchard; Councilmembers Pierce, Bender, Jacobi, Sawyer

NOES: (0)

ABSENT: (1) Councilmember Gorin

ABSTAIN: (1) Councilmember Martini

ATTEST: Susan Stoneman, City Clerk APPROVED: Bob Blanchard, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Brien Farrell, City Attorney

Adopting the Citywide Creek Master Plan

March 27, 2007

RESOLUTION NO. 26804**RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA ROSA ADOPTING THE CITYWIDE CREEK MASTER PLAN**

WHEREAS, Santa Rosa General Plan Policy OSC-D-13 calls for the formation and adoption of a Citywide Creek Master Plan which is mandated to include the following:

- A. Identification of opportunities for habitat restoration and enhancement of fisheries
- B. Provisions for protection and safety along creek channels
- C. Identification of areas to be set aside for open space preservation
- D. Identification of opportunities for multi-use transportation routes and recreation
- E. Development of a citywide creek map with proposed restoration concepts, including a description of each creek in the plan; and

WHEREAS, the City of Santa Rosa has prepared a Draft Citywide Creek Master Plan based on input from the public, the Citywide Creek Master Plan Technical Advisory Committee, literature reviews, and field studies; and

WHEREAS, a Draft Citywide Creek Master Plan and Draft Environmental Impact Report were circulated for public comment from November 9, 2006, to January 9, 2007; and

WHEREAS, a Council-appointed Waterways Advisory Committee has provided guidance in the development of the Citywide Creek Master Plan and has recommended approval of the Citywide Creek Master Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Design Review Board has provided comments for and expressed support for the Citywide Creek Master Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission held a duly-noticed public hearing on the Draft Citywide Creek Master Plan and Draft Environmental Impact Report on January 11, 2007, provided additional comments, and recommended, by resolution on March 8, 2007, that the Council adopt the Citywide Creek Master Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Council has reviewed and certified the Citywide Creek Master Plan Final Environmental Impact Report; and

WHEREAS, the Citywide Creek Master Plan area includes all creeks that flow within Santa Rosa's Urban Growth Boundary, including some areas within the jurisdiction of the County of Sonoma and the Sonoma County Water Agency; and

WHEREAS, City staff have worked closely with County of Sonoma staff to develop the Citywide Creek Master Plan; and

WHEREAS, the City of Santa Rosa wishes to present the Citywide Creek Master Plan to the Sonoma

County Board of Supervisors for its consideration and requested adoption.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Santa Rosa, based on the materials and evidence presented, hereby adopts the Citywide Creek Master Plan.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council directs staff to implement the Citywide Creek Master Plan with direction from the Waterways Advisory Committee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council directs staff to continue working with County of Sonoma staff towards presentation of the Citywide Creek Master Plan to the County Board of Supervisors for consideration.

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