

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA ROSA ADOPTING THE CITYWIDE CREEK MASTER PLAN UPDATE – FILE NUMBER ST10-004

WHEREAS, the Citywide Creek Master Plan (CCMP) and associated Environmental Impact Report (EIR) were adopted by the City Council by Resolutions 26803 and 26804 on March 27, 2007; and

WHEREAS, the CCMP has been updated to re-affirm and clarify CCMP goals and policies, ensure that CCMP is consistent with the General Plan, Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan, and other policy documents, update creek maps and text to recognize changed conditions along waterways including completed projects, incorporate and plan for waterways not previously included, reflect new planned paths, establish prioritization criteria for CCMP projects, and to make the CCMP more user-friendly; and

WHEREAS, an Addendum to the Santa Rosa Citywide Creek Master Plan Environmental Impact Report (EIR) was prepared pursuant to Section 15164 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines. The Addendum documents that the CCMP update involves minor technical changes and additions and that none of the conditions described in CEQA Guidelines Section 15162 have occurred. It is therefore appropriate to rely on the 2007 EIR in the adoption of the CCMP update; and

WHEREAS, the Design Review Board, Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Board, and Waterways Advisory Committee has reviewed the CCMP update and provided comments and support for the plan; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission held a duly noticed public hearing on the draft CCMP update on July 11, 2013, at which all those wishing to be heard were allowed to speak or present written comments and other materials; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission considered the public comments, the oral and written staff report, and the draft CCMP update and associated Addendum to the Santa Rosa Citywide Creek Master Plan EIR, and recommended adoption of the CCMP update with the changes identified in “Exhibit A”; and

WHEREAS, the Council held a duly noticed public hearing on the draft CCMP update on August 27, 2013, at which all those wishing to be heard were allowed to speak or present written comments and other materials; and

WHEREAS, the Council considered the public comments, the oral and written staff report, the draft CCMP update and associated Addendum to the Santa Rosa Citywide Creek Master Plan EIR, and the recommendation of the Planning Commission; and

WHEREAS, the Council finds that adoption of the Citywide Creek Master Plan update will further the following General Plan goals:

- PSF-A-8 Integrate the bicycle and pedestrian path networks envisioned in both the Citywide Creek Master Plan and updated Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan with regional park plans, so that users can safely and comfortably access the full range of public open spaces.
- PSF-A-18 Develop multi-use pathways and linear parks along creeks designated by the Santa Rosa Citywide Creek Master Plan. Create a system of interconnected linear parks that provide access to parks used for active recreation as well as to open space preserve areas that are used primarily for more passive recreation such as hiking and wildlife viewing.
- PSF-A-19 Provide recreational opportunities and establish bike and pedestrian paths along Santa Rosa Creek through implementation of the Santa Rosa Citywide Creek Master Plan.
- PSF-I-4 Require measures to maintain and improve the storm drainage system, consistent with goals of the Santa Rosa Citywide Creek Master Plan, to preserve natural conditions of waterways and minimize paving of creek channels.
- PSF-I-9 Consider installation of creekside pathways, consistent with the Citywide Creek Master Plan and Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan, when possible as part of stormwater improvement projects along the city's creek corridors.
- OSC-E Ensure local creeks and riparian corridors are preserved, enhanced, and restored as habitat for fish, birds, mammals and other wildlife.
- OSC-E-2 Plan and perform stream maintenance activities that respect the balance of flood protection and environmental protection.
- OSC-E-3 Continue to support efforts towards healthy, clean, and safe creeks.
- OSC-F Construct trail corridors and other recreational opportunities along local waterways.
- OSC-F-1 Accommodate connections to regional trail systems that enhance or support the creek trail systems network.
- OSC-F-2 Cooperate with various public and private entities to create new public access trails along creeks to parks and open spaces within the Urban Growth Boundary, as well as connections to regional trail systems; and

WHEREAS, the Council finds that the Citywide Creek Master Plan update is consistent with the Santa Rosa General Plan in that:

- A. The proposed changes ensures and maintain internal consistency with the goals and policies of all elements of the Citywide Creek Master Plan and the Santa Rosa General Plan;
- B. The proposed changes would not be detrimental to the public health, safety, convenience, or welfare of the City;
- C. The proposed changes have been reviewed in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA); and

WHEREAS, the Council authorizes City staff to make minor typographical and editorial changes to the Citywide Creek Master Plan as necessary for consistency.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Santa Rosa adopts the updated Citywide Creek Master Plan, excluding those projects identified below, with the changes identified in "Exhibit A."

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following projects identified in the Citywide Creek Master Plan are hereby excluded from this primary Citywide Creek Master Plan approval resolution and will be acted upon by separate resolution:

Project Name

- Paulin Creek Trail between McBride Lane and Cleveland Avenue (No CIP # assigned)
- Paulin Creek Fish Passage at Cleveland Avenue (CIP # 1241)
- Lornadell Creek Restoration from Cactus to Tachevah Drives (CIP# 1032)
- Highway 12 Right-of-Way Trail from Yulupa Avenue to Summerfield Road (CIP# 1028)
- Highway 12 Right-of-Way Trail from Hoen Avenue to Yulupa Avenue (CIP# 1021)

IN COUNCIL DULY PASSED this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2013.

AYES:  
NOES:  
ABSENT:  
ABSTAIN:

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
City Clerk

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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City Attorney