RESOLUTION NO. GPA 14-02

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF CHULA VISTA PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDING THAT THE CITY OF CHULA VISTA CITY COUNCIL APPROVE A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A TECHNICAL CORRECTION AMENDMENT TO POLICY E6.4 OF THE CHULA VISTA GENERAL PLAN ENVIRONMENTAL ELEMENT.

WHEREAS, in October 2013, the City Council approved amendments to the General Plan and Zoning Ordinance, including a new Council Policy related to the siting of Electrical Generating Facilities (EGFs) in Chula Vista; and

WHEREAS, the adopted regulatory framework for EGFs reflects sound planning principles and is internally consistent with the General Plan; and

WHEREAS, Objective E6 of the Environmental Element states "Improve local air quality by minimizing the production and emission of air pollutants and toxic air contaminants and limit the exposure of people to such pollutants"; and

WHEREAS, Policy E6.4 as originally worded addressed EGFs "and other major toxic air emitters"; and

WHEREAS, it was realized by staff that the EGF amendments as approved by the City Council in October 2013 inadvertently deleted the phrase "and other major toxic air emitters" language from Policy E6.4; and

WHEREAS, "other major toxic air emitters" (separate from EGFs) could include, but not be limited to, uses such as quarry operations, landfills, chrome-plating facilities, batching plants; and

WHEREAS, sensitive receptor separation from "other major toxic air emitters" is consistent with Objective E6 and should be retained in Policy E6.4 as originally written and approved; and

WHEREAS, the Development Services Director has reviewed the proposed Amendment for compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and has determined that the proposed action was adequately addressed in the previously certified EIR 05-01 for the General Plan Update. Thus, no further environmental review is necessary. Although environmental review is not necessary for the General Plan Amendment, environmental review will be required for any Energy Generating Facilities and "other major toxic air emitters" that are proposed as part of the conditional use permit evaluation for that specific project; and

WHEREAS, a hearing time and place was set by the Planning Commission for consideration of the proposed Amendment and notice of said hearing, together with its purpose, was given by its publication in a newspaper of general circulation in the City, at least ten (10) days prior to the hearing; and

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WHEREAS, the Planning Commission held a duly noticed public hearing to consider the proposed Amendment at the time and place as advertised, namely August 13, 2014 at 6 p.m. in the Council Chambers, 276 Fourth Avenue, and said hearing was thereafter closed.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Planning Commission hereby recommends that the City of Chula Vista City Council approve the following: Attachment 1 draft City Council resolution adopting a technical correction amendment to Policy E6.4 of the Chula Vista General Plan Environmental Element, attached hereto and made a part hereof this resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the City Council.

Presented by:

Approved as to form by:

Kelly Broughton, FASLA

Development Services Director

Glenn R. Googins

City Attorney

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF CHULA VISTA, CALIFORNIA, this 13th day of August, 2014, by the following vote, to-wit:

AYES:

Anaya, Fragomeno, Liuag, Moctezuma, Vinson and Chair Calvo

NOES:

ABSENT:

Nava

ABSTAIN:

Yolanda Calvo, Chair

ATTEST:

Patricia Laughlin

Board Secretary