



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA STATEMENT



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TITLE

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHULA VISTA ADOPTING AN AMENDMENT TO THE OTAY VALLEY REGIONAL PARK CONCEPT PLAN

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Council adopt the resolution.

SUMMARY

In December 2016 the San Diego County Board of Supervisors adopted the Otay Valley Regional Park (OVRP) Concept Plan update, and the Chula Vista City Council adopted the update in July 2017. In October 2017 the City of San Diego City Council adopted the OVRP Concept Plan update, but with an amendment that deleted specific text from the Plan affecting an area entirely within its jurisdiction. As a result, the County and Chula Vista needed to consider adopting the same amendment.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

The City of Chula Vista, as a responsible agency, and the County of San Diego, as the lead agency, have found that the Concept Plan update qualifies for a Statutory Exemption pursuant to Section 15262 (Feasibility and Planning Studies) of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) State Guidelines. The Concept Plan update is general in nature, and does not propose to construct park improvements. Prior to the development of any park improvements, detailed development plans will need to be prepared that will require environmental review when the permitting process commences.

DISCUSSION

In 2015 the OVRP Concept Plan (the "Plan") update project was initiated by the County of San Diego, which required the County, the City of Chula Vista, and the City of San Diego to update the Plan. The County of San Diego adopted the Plan in December 2016, and on July 25, 2017 the Chula Vista City Council adopted the Plan (Attachment 1). However, the City of San Diego's adoption was pending as there were lease discussions between San Diego and the Tac Air Ops for the area labeled Recreation Area #16, described as Skydive San Diego, within the OVRP (Attachment 2). This area is owned by the City of San Diego, but is within the County of San Diego's jurisdiction. The OVRP Concept Plan originally planned for the area to be reclassified as an open space and core preserve designation when the lease between San Diego and Tac Air Ops expires in 2020.

In October 2017 the City of San Diego adopted a resolution for the Plan with the omission of the following text on Page 48 of the Plan: “This Recreation Area will be reclassified from Recreation Area Open Space/Core Preserve Area at the end of the current lease, in 2020” (Attachments 3 and 4). This omission has no impact on the City of Chula Vista or County of San Diego, and does not establish a significant change in the goals and objectives of the overall OVRP Concept Plan, as the Plan is consistent between all jurisdictions. Therefore, staff recommends that the City Council adopt this amendment deleting the aforementioned text.

DECISION-MAKER CONFLICT

Staff has reviewed the property holdings of the City Council members and has found no property holdings within 500 feet of the boundaries of the property which is the subject of this action (specifically, Recreation Area #16 of the Plan). Consequently, this item does not present a disqualifying real property-related financial conflict of interest under California Code of Regulations Title 2, section 18702.2(a)(11), for purposes of the Political Reform Act (Cal. Gov’t Code §87100, *et seq.*).

Staff is not independently aware, and has not been informed by the Mayor or any Councilmember, of any other fact that may constitute a basis for a decision maker conflict of interest in this matter.

LINK TO STRATEGIC GOALS

The City’s Strategic Plan has five major goals: Operational Excellence, Economic Vitality, Healthy Community, Strong and Secure Neighborhoods and a Connected Community. The Plan update addresses the Healthy Community and Connected Community goals as it seeks to provide recreational opportunities for residents and visitors.

CURRENT-YEAR FISCAL IMPACT

All staff costs associated with preparing the Plan update are included in the adopted budget.

ONGOING FISCAL IMPACT

Ongoing land acquisition and implementation of the Plan will be funded through a combination of federal and state grants as well as General Fund city staff services. Future costs for park development and management will be presented to the Parks and Recreation Commission, Planning Commission, and City Council when more information is available.

ATTACHMENTS

1. July 25, 2017 City Council Resolution
2. Map of Active Recreation Area 16
3. OVRP Concept Plan Original Text (Page 48)
4. City of San Diego Resolution (with text omission)

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