

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHULA VISTA ACKNOWLEDGING GRANT REQUIREMENTS OF SANDAG TO IMPLEMENT AN EIGHTEEN MONTH COASTAL CACTUS WREN HABITAT RESTORATION PROGRAM WITHIN THE CHULA VISTA OTAY RANCH PRESERVE MANAGEMENT AREA, AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF THE GRANT FUNDING SHOULD IT BE AWARDED FROM SANDAG, AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH SANDAG

WHEREAS, in November 2004, the voters of San Diego County approved SANDAG Ordinance 04-01, which extended the *TransNet* half-cent sales and use tax through 2048 (*TransNet* Ordinance); and

WHEREAS, the *TransNet* Extension Ordinance contains provisions for the creation of an Environmental Mitigation Program (EMP), which began being funded by the *TransNet* Ordinance on April 1, 2008; and

WHEREAS, on March 7, 2016, SANDAG issued its eighth cycle Call for Projects from entities wishing to apply for a portion of the EMP Regional Habitat Conservation grant funds for use on environmental land management projects meeting certain criteria; and

WHEREAS, the City of Chula Vista wishes to receive \$49,972 in EMP Regional Habitat Conservation grant funds for the following project: 2016 Salt Creek Cactus Wren Habitat Enhancement; and

WHEREAS, the City of Chula Vista understands that the EMP Regional Habitat Conservation grant funding is fixed at the programmed amount, and therefore project cost increases that exceed the grant awarded will be the sole responsibility of the grantee; and

WHEREAS, the Coastal cactus wren is a Covered Species under the City's Multiple Species Conservation Program (MSCP) Subarea Plan; and

WHEREAS, loss and degradation of Coastal cactus wren habitat within the Otay Ranch Preserve is occurring due to historical cattle grazing, weed invasion, drought, and vegetation succession; and

WHEREAS, the proposed monitoring and enhancement program has been developed to ensure the prolongation of the Coastal cactus wren through active management of suitable Cactus wren habitat; and

WHEREAS, the grant proposal has been developed consistent with the City's adopted MSCP Subarea Plan to ensure that Covered Species are adequately protected; and

WHEREAS, the requested funding amount of \$49,972 would sufficiently fund the

activities offered through the proposed Coastal cactus wren monitoring and enhancement program which are essential for the prolongation of the Coastal cactus wren and would reduce the vulnerability of this species to extirpation; and

WHEREAS, as part of the grant, the City will provide \$1,300 of matching funds through in-kind City services as set forth in the grant application; and

WHEREAS, on September 13, 2016 SANDAG's Environmental Mitigation Program Working Group recommended the City's proposal for funding to SANDAG's Regional Planning Committee; and

WHEREAS, Staff will select a qualified biological consultant to implement this program in accordance with the purchasing procedures set forth in Chula Vista Municipal Code (CVMC) 2.56.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Chula Vista that it acknowledges grant requirements of SANDAG to implement an eighteen month Coastal cactus wren habitat restoration program within the Chula Vista Otay Ranch Preserve Management Area, authorizes acceptance of the grant funding should it be awarded from SANDAG, and authorizes the City Manager to execute a grant agreement with SANDAG.

Presented by

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