

RESOLUTION NO. 201249 NOV 12 1970

WHEREAS, the recent Laguna and Boulder Creek wildfires destroyed the brush and tree cover on approximately 100,000 acres of watershed above four of the City's major impounding reservoirs; and

WHEREAS, of the total watershed area of 585,000 acres above the City's seven impounding reservoirs, virtually all of said area has been burned off at one time or another during the past 20 years; and

WHEREAS, much of the watershed slopes in San Diego County are steep and are covered with unstable soils, such that destruction of the plant cover exposes the land to aggravated erosion and subjects the impounding reservoirs to costly and deleterious siltation; and

WHEREAS, large portions of the watersheds, both privately and publicly owned, should be converted from chapparal to less flammable grass and other plants; and

WHEREAS, maintaining a well-planned mix of native chapparal where necessary, with sizeable areas of other, less dangerous plant cover, would greatly enhance the potential of San Diego's back country for livestock culture, wildlife enhancement and recreational enjoyment; and

WHEREAS, the replacement of chapparal with other plant species would improve the land for water production and at the same time would reduce the tremendous hazard of periodic uncontrollable wildfires; and

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WHEREAS, now is the logical time to implement an area-wide conversion and management plan for the watersheds of San Diego County; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of The City of San Diego, as follows:

1. That the Council of The City of San Diego strongly recommends a positive course of action in watershed management.

2. That County, State and Federal agencies develop and implement such a plan at the earliest possible time, and that the respective legislative bodies appropriate sufficient funds, both emergency and regular budget, to carry the plan forward.

3. That The City of San Diego and all of its departments shall cooperate and assist in every way possible with the implementation of a County-wide watershed management plan.

4. That copies of this resolution be delivered to San Diego's Congressional delegation, to members of the State Legislature and to the Board of Supervisors.

APPROVED: JOHN W. WITT, City Attorney

By *C. M. Fitzpatrick*  
C. M. Fitzpatrick, Chief Deputy

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By Elfa M. Hamel, Deputy. *KE*

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