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## RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 294214

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WHEREAS, San Diego's two Enterprise Zones — the Metropolitan Zone designated in 1986 and the San Ysidro/Otay Mesa Zone designated in 1992—are state designated areas within which businesses in these zones may claim various state tax benefits, primarily tax credits for hiring unemployed persons; and

WHEREAS, it is recommended that the zones be expanded because Enterprise Zone tax benefits should result in new jobs and new business investments to these communities that continue to have a high unemployment rate and/or continue to experience high real estate vacancies; and

WHEREAS, state law was approved increasing the Enterprise Zone acreage expansion capacity from 15% to 20% of the originally designated area; and

WHEREAS, the proposed 577 acre expansion in the San Ysidro/Otay Mesa Enterprise Zone would leave 250.25 acres for future expansions; and

WHEREAS, the City of Chula Vista is unable to obtain an Enterprise Zone designation from the California Trade & Commerce Agency due to legislative limitations on 39 maximum Zone designations; and

WHEREAS, property owners of the City of Chula Vista, B.F. Goodrich and the Port of San Diego, have requested that specific properties west of Interstate 5 be included in the San Ysidro/Otay Mesa Enterprise Zone; and

WHEREAS, the City of Chula Vista has a redevelopment project area which is contiguous to the San Ysidro/Otay Mesa Enterprise Zone; and

WHEREAS, the City of San Diego and the City of Chula Vista would like to collaborate on economic development programs which facilitate economic and employment opportunities to create better expansion and retention business opportunities; and

WHEREAS, the City of San Diego is supportive of mutually beneficial governmental collaborations and regional economic development that benefits the citizens and businesses of South County; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of The City of San Diego, that the City Manager is authorized and directed to file documents with the California Trade & Commerce Agency to expand the San Ysidro/Otay Mesa Enterprise Zone in accordance with regulations promulgated by the Trade & Commerce Agency pursuant to state law (AB 251 of 1989).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Manager is authorized to take actions necessary to expand the San Ysidro/Otay Mesa Enterprise Zone to include the areas within the city limits of San Diego and Chula Vista as described in Attachment 4, which is by this reference incorporated herein.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Council finds that the San Ysidro/Otay

Mesa Enterprise Zone, as expanded, has been found to be an area with high unemployment and
limited employment opportunities for area residents, and that designation as an Enterprise Zone
is necessary to the creation of jobs by private enterprise.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Manager, in accordance with Resolution No. R-276382, adopted August 7, 1990, and Resolution No. R-286015, adopted June 26, 1995, is

authorized to do the following actions for commercial and industrial projects within the San Ysidro/Otay Mesa Enterprise Zone and within the San Diego city limits, as expanded, when such expansion is approved by the California Trade & Commerce Agency: to expedite the necessary development plan and permit processing, and building permit issuance for such projects; and waive the requirement to pay into the San Diego Housing Trust Fund pursuant to an approved Economic Development Incentive Agreement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Manager or his designee is authorized to execute a Memorandum of Understanding with the City of Chula Vista, subsequent to its execution by the City of Chula Vista, for the expansion and administration of the San Ysidro/Otay Mesa Enterprise Zone and the City's Targeted Employment Area.

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