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RESOLUTION NUMBER R-3()353()

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A RESOLUTION INITIATING A COMMUNITY PLAN AMENDMENT TO THE PROGRESS GUIDE AND GENERAL PLAN AND INITIATING AMENDMENTS TO LAND USE PLANS AND LOCAL COASTAL PROGRAM AND ZONING NEEDED TO IMPLEMENT THE SAN DIEGO RIVER PARK MASTER PLAN

WHEREAS, the request for the Progress Guide and General Plan and the San Diego River Park Master Plan amendment originated with the City of San Diego in order to protect, preserve and enhance the San Diego River and its watershed; and

WHEREAS, the first step in this process is for the City Council to initiate the Progress Guide and General Plan amendment and the community plan amendment which would allow staff to proceed with the analysis of the proposals and preparation of any necessary revisions to adopted documents; and

WHEREAS, the San Diego River Park Master Plan was prepared by the City of San Diego to provide goals and objectives to protect, preserve and enhance the San Diego River and its watershed; and

WHEREAS, the San Diego River Park Master Plan contains three major sections: Principles, Recommendations and Implementation. The seven Principles are the overarching goals against which all decisions should be tested. The Recommendations identifies a series of recommended actions and projects that will move the Plan from concept to reality. The Implementation section describes the potential methods for implementing the Master Plan; and

WHEREAS, the San Diego River Master Plan Implementation section states under 'Future Steps' that an essential step is to determine the best strategy to implement the Master

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Plan. Implementation can include amendments to the Progress Guide and General Plan, the Community Plans and applying an Overlay Zone. Further study and analysis of implementation is needed to determine the proper course of action; and

WHEREAS, in order to allow City staff to further study and analyze the best strategy for implementation and proceed with finalizing the San Diego River Park Master Plan, the first step in this process is for the City Council to initiate amendments to the land use plans, the local coastal program and the base zoning, which would allow staff to proceed with the analysis and preparation of any necessary revision to the adopted documents; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with San Diego Municipal Code section 122.0103(a) the City Council may initiate an amendment to a community plan; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of San Diego, that this Council initiates the amendments to land use plans, the local coastal program and the base zoning, needed to implement the San Diego River Park Master Plan.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, this activity is not a "project" and therefore is exempt from CEQA pursuant to State CEQA guidelines Section 15060(c)(3).

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