

RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 311938

DATE OF FINAL PASSAGE AUG 20 2018

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO DETERMINING THAT THE APPROVAL OF THE SAN DIEGO ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS (SANDAG) ENVIRONMENTAL MITIGATION PROGRAM TRANSNET GRANTS IS CATEGORICALLY EXEMPT FROM THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT PURSUANT TO CEQA GUIDELINES SECTION 15308.

WHEREAS, the coastal cactus wren is a high-priority species under the Conserved Lands in Western San Diego County, Management Strategic Plan (MSP), and the MSP states the coastal cactus wren is a species with significant occurrences of risk of loss in the MSP area; and

WHEREAS, the City of San Diego seeks to apply to the SANDAG Environmental Mitigation Program (EMP) (Project) to obtain grant funding, and enter into an agreement to receive grant funding for habitat enhancement and restoration on two regionally distinct sites, a 12-acre restoration and enhancement site at Lower Otay Reservoir, and for cacti planting on 100 acres throughout San Pasqual Valley, to benefit the coastal cactus wren by expanding suitable habitat; and

WHEREAS, San Diego Public Utilities Department staff submitted two TransNet grants to fund habitat enhancement for the coastal cactus wren, with the primary goal of enhancing and expanding existing coastal cactus wren territories and increasing connectivity between genetic clusters of the species; and

WHEREAS, the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) (Public Resources Code section 21000 et seq.), section 21084, states that the CEQA Guidelines thereto (California Code

of Regulations, Title 14, Chapter 3, Section 15000 et seq.) shall list those classes of projects which have been determined not to have a significant effect on the environment and which shall be exempt from CEQA; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to that authority, CEQA Guidelines sections 15300-15333 list the categorical exemptions promulgated by the California Office of Planning and Research and adopted by the Secretary of the California Natural Resources Agency for those classes of Projects which have been determined not to have a significant effect on the environment; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Department has established that the Project is categorically exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15308 and that no exception to the exemption, as set forth in CEQA Guidelines section 15300.2, applies to the Project; and

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of San Diego has considered the potential environmental effects of the Project; and


WHEREAS, on AUG 07 2018, the City Council held a duly noticed public meeting and considered the written record for the Project as well as public comment; and

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of San Diego, using its independent judgment, has determined that the Project will not have a significant effect on the environment because this action will maintain, restore, enhance and protect the environment; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of San Diego determines that the Project is categorically exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15308 and that an exception to the exemption does not apply.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of San Diego has determined that an exception to the exemption as set forth in CEQA Guidelines section 15300.2 does not apply.


APPROVED: MARA W. ELLIOTT, City Attorney

By 
Raymond C. Palmucci
Deputy City Attorney

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was passed by the Council of the City of San Diego, at this meeting of AUG 07 2018.

ELIZABETH S. MALAND
City Clerk

By 
Deputy City Clerk

Approved: 8/20/18
(date)


KEVIN L. FAULCONER, Mayor

Vetoed: _____
(date)

KEVIN L. FAULCONER, Mayor

Passed by the Council of The City of San Diego on AUG 07 2018, by the following vote:

Councilmembers	Yeas	Nays	Not Present	Recused
Barbara Bry	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Lorie Zapf	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Chris Ward	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Myrtle Cole	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mark Kersey	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Chris Cate	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Scott Sherman	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
David Alvarez	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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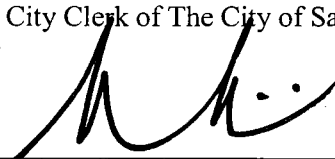
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AUTHENTICATED BY:

KEVIN L. FAULCONER
Mayor of The City of San Diego, California.

ELIZABETH S. MALAND
City Clerk of The City of San Diego, California.

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By , Deputy

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