

RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 313434

DATE OF FINAL PASSAGE FEB 12 2021

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO REQUESTING THAT THE STORMWATER DIVISION EVALUATE THE VIABILITY OF A STORMWATER-RELATED BALLOT MEASURE OR SIMILAR DEDICATED STORMWATER FUNDING MECHANISM.

WHEREAS, San Diego's stormwater services are essential to protecting environmental water quality, safeguarding our communities from flooding, restoring the environment, providing a wide array of recreational and other community benefits, and improving the resilience, sustainability and livability of the City; and

WHEREAS, in June of 2018 the Office of the City Auditor conducted a Performance Audit (Audit) of the City's Stormwater Division, titled "The Storm Water Division Can Further Improve the Efficiency of Its Infrastructure Maintenance and Code Enforcement Efforts, but the City Ultimately Needs to Address Significant Storm Water Funding"; and

WHEREAS, the Audit found an immense and widening gap between annual funding allocated and total funding needed; and

WHEREAS, historic underfunding has contributed to inadequate and deferred maintenance of the stormwater system and a growing backlog of essential capital investments; and

WHEREAS, this underinvestment has led to serious consequences for the City and its citizens including impaired environmental water quality, serious stormwater system failures leading to flooding, property damage, sinkholes, increased costs for repairs and maintenance, and increased public liability exposure; and

WHEREAS, achieving environmental water quality standards and regulatory compliance greatly increases the funding need; and

WHEREAS, one of the key recommendations of the Audit is that the Stormwater Division develop a long-term Funding Strategy to meet its present and future capital and operational needs, and that as part of that Strategy a plan to pursue desired funding mechanism(s) be included; and

WHEREAS, the Stormwater Division presented the Funding Strategy to the Environment Committee on January 28, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the Funding Strategy finds that the gap between needed and available funding cannot be closed by current revenue sources, cost savings, and increased efficiencies alone; and

WHEREAS the Funding Strategy recommends that a long-term funding mechanism be developed to provide dedicated revenue to fund stormwater services; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of San Diego hereby recommends that the Stormwater Division continue to evaluate the viability of a stormwater-related ballot measure or similar dedicated stormwater funding mechanism.

APPROVED: MARA W. ELLIOTT, City Attorney

By /s/David L. Krypel
David L. Krypel
Deputy City Attorney

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I certify that the foregoing Resolution was passed by the Council of the City of San Diego, at this meeting of 02/09/2021.

ELIZABETH S. MALAND
City Clerk

By /s/ Connie Patterson
Deputy City Clerk

Approved: 2/12/21
(date)


TODD GLORIA, Mayor

Vetoed: _____
(date)

TODD GLORIA, Mayor

Passed by the Council of The City of San Diego on FEB 09 2021, by the following vote:

Councilmembers	Yeas	Nays	Not Present	Recused
Joe LaCava	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jennifer Campbell	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Stephen Whitburn	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Monica Montgomery Steppe	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Marni von Wilpert	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Chris Cate	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Raul A. Campillo	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Vivian Moreno	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sean Elo-Rivera	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Date of final passage FEB 12 2021.

(Please note: When a resolution is approved by the Mayor, the date of final passage is the date the approved resolution was returned to the Office of the City Clerk.)

AUTHENTICATED BY:

TODD GLORIA
Mayor of The City of San Diego, California.

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

By Connie Patterson Deputy

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