

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TEMECULA APPROVING THE INITIAL STUDY AND ADOPTING A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION; ADOPTING A MITIGATION MONITORING AND REPORTING PROGRAM; AND APPROVING PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS IN SUBSTANTIAL FORM, ALL FOR THE YNEZ ROAD IMPROVEMENTS – PHASE I PROJECT, PW23-02

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TEMECULA DOES HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The City Council of the City of Temecula does hereby find, determine and declare that:

A. The Ynez Road Improvements – Phase I Project, PW23-02 (“Project”), is a circulation project that includes the design, environmental clearance, and construction for widening the east side of Ynez Road from Rancho Vista Road to Tierra Vista Road to two lanes. The Project consists of full street improvements including asphalt concrete pavement, curb and gutter, sidewalks, retaining wall, and streetlights. The Project scope also includes completion of all required environmental studies, preparation of the appropriate environmental document and obtaining all necessary resource agency permits.

B. Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”) (Cal. Pub. Res. Code §21000 *et seq.*) and the State Guidelines (the “Guidelines”) (14 Cal. Code Regs. §15000 *et seq.*), City staff caused to be prepared an Initial Study (“IS”) of the potential environmental effects of the approval of the Project as described in the Initial Study. Based upon the findings contained in that Study, City staff determined that, with the incorporation of mitigation measures, there was no substantial evidence that the Project could have a significant effect on the environment, and a mitigated negative declaration (“MND”) was prepared in full compliance with CEQA.

C. The IS identified no impact or a less than significant impact for the following environmental areas:

1. Aesthetics
2. Agriculture and Forestry Resources
3. Air Quality
4. Energy
5. Greenhouse Gas Emissions

6. Hydrology and Water Quality
7. Land Use and Planning
8. Mineral Resources
9. Noise
10. Population and Housing
11. Public Services
12. Recreation
13. Transportation
14. Utilities and Service Systems
15. Wildfire

D. The IS identified the following areas of potential concern that will be reduced to a less than significant impact with mitigation incorporated as summarized:

1. **Biological Resources:** A pre-construction nesting bird clearance survey is required prior to ground disturbance. In addition, a site survey shall be conducted prior to construction to further reduce potential impacts to a less-than-significant level. Mitigation is required and will be imposed for the 0.22-acre impact to riverine habitat includes management activities, such as the removal of non-native plant species within 0.66 acre of habitat located on a City-owned parcel (APN 961-440-012) along Temecula Creek.
2. **Cultural Resources:** A certified archaeologist shall monitor construction activities in coordination with the Pechanga Tribe. Mitigation measures include a pre-grading meeting with contractors, implementing grading monitoring at a frequency approved and coordinated with the Pechanga Tribe, and ensuring cultural resource protection, avoidance, and curation in the event of a resource discovery.
3. **Geology and Soils:** A Paleontological Resource Management Plan (PRMP) is required.
4. **Hazards and Hazardous Materials:** A Hazardous Spill Prevention Plan shall be prepared by the Contractor and submitted to the City for approval prior to construction. The plan shall identify measures to minimize the likelihood of a spill, outline response actions if a spill occurs to prevent contamination of surface waters and provide for cleanup procedures.

Additionally, all asphalt materials removed from the project alignment shall be disposed in accordance with applicable regulatory standards.

5. **Tribal Cultural Resources:** A Pechanga Tribal monitor shall be present during grading activities and shall have the authority, in consultation with the project archaeologist and the Pechanga Band of Indians and their designated monitors, to stop or redirect grading activities if tribal cultural resources are encountered. Mitigation also includes pre-grading coordination, construction monitoring, and implementation of protection, avoidance, and curation measures in the event of a discovery.
6. **Mandatory Finding of Significance:** Implement the mitigation measures as described in the IS MND, including BIO-1 through BIO-3, CUL-1 through CUL-7, TCR-1 through TCR-11, GEO-1, HAZ-1 and HAZ-2.

E. Under Public Resources Code section 21080(c)(2), the IS determined that an MND is appropriate for the Project. The MND includes mitigation measures to reduce potential impacts to a level of less than significant and a separate mitigation monitoring and reporting program (“MMRP”) has been prepared pursuant to Public Resources Code section 21081.6(a)(1).

F. The Notice of Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration was posted on December 10, 2025. The corresponding public review comment period also commenced on December 10, 2025, and concluded on January 9, 2026. Notification signage was placed on the Project site, and a notice was published in a local newspaper.

G. The City of Temecula received one written comment letter from the California Department of Transportation during the public review period and responded directly to the commenter to inform them that the City of Temecula Multi-Use Trails and Bikeways Master Plan Update was incorporated and cited on Page 3 of the IS/MND document. No other comments were received regarding the IS/MND or its analysis. The Final IS/MND was provided to the commenting agency.

H. The City Council has reviewed the IS/MND and the MMRP incorporated herein by this reference as though set forth in full and all comments received regarding the IS/MND and has reviewed the Project plans and specifications.

NOW, THEREFORE, based on the whole of the record before it, the City Council does hereby find and resolve as follows:

Section 1. CEQA Findings.

1.1 The IS/MND and the Mitigation Monitoring Program were prepared in compliance with CEQA.

1.2. There is not substantial evidence supporting a fair argument that the Project may actually produce any significant environmental impacts that cannot be mitigated to a less than significant level through implementation of those mitigation measures identified in the IS/MND. Therefore, the City Council finds that the Project will not have a significant effect on the environment.

1.3. The IS/MND and the MMRP reflect the independent judgment and analysis of the City Council.

Section 2. Based on the findings set forth in this Resolution and the IS/MND, the City Council hereby adopts the IS/MND, including imposing all mitigation measures specified therein, and the MMRP for the Project.

Section 3. The Director of Public Works/City Engineer is authorized and directed to file a Notice of Determination in accordance with CEQA.

Section 4. The Project plans and specifications as presented are approved. The Director of Public Works/City Engineer is directed and authorized to make minor refinements or revisions as necessary.

Section 5. The custodian of the documents and material which constitute the record of proceedings upon which its decision is based is The Director of Public Works/City Engineer, and the documents are available at the Office of City Clerk.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Temecula this 27th day of January, 2026.

Jessica Alexander, Mayor

ATTEST:

Randi Johl, City Clerk

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE) ss
CITY OF TEMECULA)

I, Randi Johl, City Clerk of the City of Temecula, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution No. 2026- was duly and regularly adopted by the City Council of the City of Temecula at a meeting thereof held on the 27th day of January, 2026, by the following vote:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS:

NOES: COUNCIL MEMBERS:

ABSTAIN: COUNCIL MEMBERS:

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Randi Johl, City Clerk