

## **RESOLUTION NO. 2024-**

### **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TEMECULA TO ADOPT THE URBAN FOREST MANAGEMENT PLAN IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY AND FIRE PROTECTION (CAL FIRE) 2019/2020 URBAN AND COMMUNITY FOREST PROGRAM GRANT GUIDELINES AND FINDING THAT THE URBAN FOREST MANAGEMENT PLAN IS EXEMPT FROM THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA) PURSUANT TO CEQA GUIDELINES SECTION 15307 AND 15061**

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

**Section 1. Findings.** The City Council does hereby find, determine and declare that:

A. The Governor of the State of California in cooperation with the California State Legislature has enacted the California Proposition 68 Bond Fund, which provide funds to the State of California and its political subdivisions for Urban and Community Forestry Program.

B. The State Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL Fire) has been delegated the responsibility for the administration of the program within the State, setting up necessary procedures governing application by local agencies and non-profit organization under the program.

C. Said procedures established by the State Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL Fire) require the applicant to officially adopt the Urban Forest Management Plan as a guiding policy document in an ordinance, a general plan element, or other binding, enforceable way as approved by CAL Fire.

**Section 2. California Environmental Quality Act Findings.** In accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act, the City Council finds, determines and declares that the adoption of the Urban Forest Management Plan is exempt from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”) pursuant to Sections 15307, 15061(b)(3), and 15378(b)(5) of Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations. CEQA Guidelines Section 15307 exempts from CEQA actions taken by agencies as authorized by state law or local ordinance to assure the maintenance, restoration, or enhancement of a natural resource where the regulatory process involves procedures for protection of the environment. CEQA Guidelines Section 15061 (b) (3) where it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the action will have a significant effect on the environment. The City Council finds determines and declares that adoption of the Urban Forest Management Plan is an action of the City Council specifically designed to and does assure the maintenance, restoration, or enhancement of a natural resource, in this case the urban

forest, where the regulatory process involves procedures for protection of the environment. The Urban Forest Management Plan has been prepared in accordance with State Department of Forestry and Fire Protection regulations. Additionally, it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the action will have a significant adverse effect on the environment. In this case the Urban Forest Management Plan will enhance the environment and mitigate several existing adverse conditions affecting the environment. Therefore, City Council of the City of Temecula hereby adopts a Notice of Exemption for the Ordinance and directs the City Manager or his designee to file it as required by law.

**Section 3. Adoption.** The City Council hereby adopts the Urban Forest Management Plan in accordance with the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL Fire) 2019/2020 Urban and Community Forestry Program Grant Guidelines, which Plan is on file in the Office of the City Clerk.

**PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED** by the City Council of the City of Temecula this 27<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2024.

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James Stewart, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Randi Johl, City Clerk

[SEAL]

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. 2024-       was duly and regularly adopted by the City Council of the City of Temecula at a meeting thereof held on the 27<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2024, by the following vote:

AYES:                       COUNCIL MEMBERS:

NOES:                       COUNCIL MEMBERS:

ABSTAIN:                   COUNCIL MEMBERS:

ABSENT:                    COUNCIL MEMBERS:

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Randi Johl, City Clerk