## CITY OF TEMECULA AGENDA REPORT

**TO**: City Manager/City Council

**FROM**: Randi Johl, Director of Legislative Affairs/City Clerk

**DATE**: May 11, 2021

SUBJECT: Adopt Resolution Regarding the California Climate Investment Fire Prevention

Grant Program (At the Request of Mayor Pro Tempore Rahn)

**PREPARED BY:** Randi Johl, Director of Legislative Affairs/City Clerk

**RECOMMENDATION:** That the City Council adopt a resolution entitled:

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TEMECULA, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, REGARDING THE CALIFORNIA CLIMATE INVESTMENT FIRE PREVENTION GRANT PROGRAM

**BACKGROUND:** On April 27, 2021, the City Council authorized the City to serve as lead on the preparation and submission of a grant with the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) at the request of Mayor Pro Tem Rahn for a vegetation management/fuels reduction plan. This resolution is proposed and administratively required in support of that grant submission.

There are several areas located within the City limits that would benefit from a professionally completed vegetation management/fuel reduction plan. Input, support and collaboration with valued partners and stakeholders such as Riverside County Fire, Pechanga, Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation District, the Nature Conservancy, Camp Pendleton, US Border Patrol and others will be important to develop a comprehensive plan that will be complementary to the long-term goals of each agency and be of benefit to the impacted property owners. Locations include sensitive habitat areas in Temecula Creek and tributaries and involves multiple property owners. Topics of concern include wildland fires in areas of dense vegetation and overgrown non-native species; negative impacts to riparian and other sensitive habitats from illegal homeless encampments, trespass/vandalism and as well as their impacts on water quality and wildlife movement. The benefits of such a plan will allow for improved habitat for sensitive and endangered species, removal of invasive species, alleviating flood risks through improved stormwater conveyance. All such variables will be evaluated and addressed as part of a comprehensive plan.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** There is no fiscal impact at this time other than staff time associated with the preparation and submission of the grant application and related documents.

**ATTACHMENT:** Resolution