

RESOLUTION NO. 2006-1025

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CALBASAS, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING THE CALABASAS CREEKS MASTER PLAN.

WHEREAS, the City of Calabasas recognizes the importance of creeks that promote the health, safety and general welfare of the community; and

WHEREAS, the City of Calabasas wishes to formally adopt an integrated resource planning and sustainable engineering approach to all future restoration and habitat enhancement projects; and

WHEREAS, the City of Calabasas recognizes the need for a comprehensive document that inventories creek restoration opportunities and recommends strategies for enhancing and restoring creeks as natural habitat and also as opportunities for our residents to enjoy and appreciate these natural resources, thereby encouraging environmentally friendly behaviors; and

WHEREAS, a creek master plan would serve the following objectives: enhance access, provide recreational opportunities, conserve and restore natural habitats, reconnect wildlife corridors, enhance aesthetic values, provide educational opportunities, maintain hydrologic capacity, respect private property, establish an alternative transportation mode of bikeways and pathways, and take advantage of opportunities to be part of regional trail systems; and

WHEREAS, the City of Calabasas recognizes and appreciates the efforts of commissions, local non-profits organizations and all stakeholder groups in assisting in the preparation of the Calabasas Creeks Master Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Calabasas Creeks Master Plan will provide the data and documentation necessary to apply for state and federal grants; and

WHEREAS, the City of Calabasas shall continue to update and use the Calabasas Creek Master Plan as a long-range tool for implementation of sustainable creek restoration projects based on integrated resources planning that focuses on whole watershed wellness.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CALABASAS, CALIFORNIA, DOES HEREBY RESOLVE, DETERMINE AND ORDER AS FOLLOWS:

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SECTION 1: Upon review of the draft Creek Master Plan, consideration of testimony given at the public hearing, and other pertinent information, the City Council finds that the proposed Calabasas Creek Master Plan is consistent with the goals, policies and intent of the Calabasas General Plan.

SECTION 2: The attached document, entitled City of Calabasas Creek Master Plan, is hereby adopted as the City's official Creek Master Plan.

SECTION 3: On June 7, 2006, the City Council conducted a public hearing on the proposed City of Calabasas Creeks Master Plan. The City Council determined that the implementation of the plan will provide a comprehensive planning document that inventories potential restoration and improvement projects along the three creeks within the City boundaries.

SECTION 4: The City Council directed staff to a) work with stream restoration experts to provide long-term hydrologic sustainability to each project; b) propose a stream protection ordinance that will protect City creeks.

SECTION 5: Based on the above findings, the City Council hereby adopts the Calabasas Creeks Master Plan as identified and attached in Exhibit "A".

SECTION 6: That the City Clerk shall certify to the adoption of this resolution and shall cause the same to be processed in the manner required by law.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 27th day of September, 2006.

Dennis Washburn, Mayor

ATTEST:

Gwen Peirce, Assistant City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM

Michael G. Colantuono, City Attorney