

RESOLUTION NO. 65,930–N.S.

ADOPTING THE PROPOSED MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE WATERSHED MANAGEMENT PLAN AND ADOPTING THE WATERSHED MANAGEMENT PLAN

WHEREAS, the City has developed a proposed Berkeley Watershed Management Plan (WMP), an integrated and sustainable strategy for managing urban water resources intended to guide City efforts to establish a healthier balance between the urban environment and natural ecosystems; and

WHEREAS, the WMP looks at addressing water quality, flooding, and the preservation of creeks and aquatic habitats using multi-objective approaches where possible; and

WHEREAS, this entails supplementing the existing engineered storm drain infrastructure with green infrastructure approaches that mimic natural hydrologic processes including filtration and infiltration by soils and evapotranspiration by plants, and the WMP recommends various green retrofit measures appropriate for the public right-of-way and for public and private property; and

WHEREAS, the proposed WMP provides general direction and guidance for implementing concept level watershed improvements; and

WHEREAS, the exact location, design, timing and construction techniques for each proposed project within the WMP are unknown at this time; and

WHEREAS, on September 19, 2012, an Initial Study and proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration (“MND”) for the WMP were released for public review; and

WHEREAS, on October 30, 2012, the Council considered the Initial Study and MND.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Berkeley that the Council has considered the proposed MND together with all comments received during the public review period, and, on the basis of the whole record before it, the Council hereby finds that (1) potentially significant effects were identified but mitigation measures to be included in the WMP, which are hereby adopted, would avoid or reduce the effects to a point where clearly no significant effects would occur, (2) there is no substantial evidence the project will have a significant effect on the environment, and (3) the MND reflects the City of Berkeley’s independent judgment and analysis.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the record of proceedings upon which this decision is based shall be retained by the City’s Public Works Department, at 1947 Center Street, Fourth Floor, Berkeley, California.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Berkeley hereby adopts the Mitigated Negative Declaration attached hereto as Exhibit A and the Mitigation Monitoring Program attached hereto as Exhibit C.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Berkeley hereby adopts the Watershed Management Plan attached hereto as Exhibit D.

The foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Berkeley City Council on October 30, 2012 by the following vote:

Ayes: Anderson, Arreguin, Capitelli, Maio, Moore, Wengraf, Worthington, Wozniak and Bates.

Noes: None.

Absent: None.



Tom Bates, Mayor

Attest: 

Mark Numairville, CMC, Acting City Clerk